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Dear friends!

When I was visiting Rome about ten years ago, a fellow Jesuit took me to the church of Sant'Egidio in Trastevere. I was lucky because that evening Jean Vanier, the founder of the worldwide L'Arche community where people with and without intellectual disabilities are living together, was taking part in the prayer service.

It was Easter time and after the gospel Jean Vanier reflected on the resurrection of our Lord: How humble and sensitive he was, when he met his disciples. He concluded with a story about a man, who experienced resurrection in a special way.

This man was the father of a handicapped child. He took part in a seminar where Jean Vanier talked about the gifts of his handicapped friends and how much he receives from them. At the end of the seminar the father stood up and said in front of the whole audience: "Now I can see that to be handicapped doesn't mean life is less precious or God doesn't love a person who is handicapped. I never accepted that my son is handicapped and I neglected him. Today my son resurrected. He was dead and now he is alive."

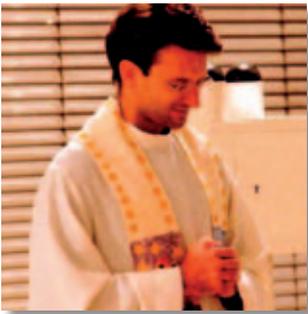
When the risen Lord met his disciples and friends, he was humble and understanding concerning their doubts. People were inspired by his spirit and they took care especially of their weak sisters and brothers. They kept the gospel alive till today.

I wish that you may experience the joy of the risen Lord in this Easter weeks,  
Pax et Bonum,



## > COMMUNITY NEWS <

Last November the **Evaluation of the Faculty of Theology** was carried out by a team of foreign professors. The four evaluators shared in their written report that they were impressed by the distinctive internationality of the program. Thanks to the large number of Jesuit priests coming from different continents to Innsbruck to study for their doctorate degrees, there is great diversity in the student body. The faculty benefits from the geographical and contextual proximity to the Canisianum, especially with respect to its research efforts.



Together with young people of the CLC Youth Centre („mk“), **S. Max Heine-Geldern SJ** organized the main feast on December 7th, 2013. **Fr. Dominik Markl SJ** delivered a beautiful sermon in the chapel of the old Canisianum. Afterwards, the celebration went on in the dining room and the “Propter Homines Hall”.

Fr. Dominik Markl SJ



R. Siebenrock, J. Niewiadomski, M. Moosbrugger, B. Repschinski SJ, M. Inama SJ

On December 9th, 2013, **DDr. Mathias Moosbrugger** was awarded the Karl-Rahner-Prize on account of his excellent doctoral thesis, “Die Rehabilitierung des Opfers”, in which he discussed the dialog between **René Girard** and **P. Raymund Schwager SJ** about sacrifice in Christian context. The award took place in the presence of members of the faculty of Theology, students, Jesuits and friends.



Traditional Advent concert

On December 12th, 2013, the traditional Advent concert for friends of the Canisianum took place for the first time in the recreation room of the Jesuit College. **Fr. Friedrich Prassl SJ** welcomed the 150 guests, especially **Bishop Manfred Scheuer** and vicar-general **Jakob Bürgler**.

On January 21st, 2014, **Fr. Nghia Pham SJ (VIE)** returned to his home province after having finished his doctorate. The title of his dissertation is “Manna and Sabbath in Exodus 16: Exegetical and Theological Narrative Analysis” written under the guidance of **Fr. Georg Fischer SJ**.

Our recent newcomer, **Allan Ggita (AOR)**, passed his exam in the German language at the end of January. We cordially congratulate him on this success.

Since the end of January, **Fr. Herwig Büchele SJ** has become a new member of our community.

At the end of January, on the occasion of the 85th birthday of former Rector **Fr. Otto Muck SJ**, the Institute for Christian Philosophy organized an exciting symposium on the speech of God.

At the beginning of March, **Dr. Günther Wassilowsky** from Linz began his tenure as a new professor for church history in the faculty of Theology.

On March 10th, 2014, **Fr. Hans Rotter SJ** passed away at the age of 81. Fr. Rotter was a well-known scholar of moral theology and a spiritual advisor for many people. The requiem was celebrated on the 18th of March with **Bishop Scheuer** (Innsbruck), **Bishop Muser** (Bozen-Brixen), and **Archbishop Kothgasser** (Salzburg) in attendance.

On March 18th, 2014, **Fr. Luiz C. Sureki SJ** completed his doctorate. The title of his thesis is: “Hope and Promise”. After editorial work on his thesis, he will return to Brazil in June.



A. Wobeto SJ, L. Sureki SJ, M. Roßkopf

**Begging** is an issue in many cities. A small team from the Jesuit church faced the question of how we should behave towards people who beg. A flyer has been created that offers suggestions and recommends possible responses.

On Sundays in Lent, various Jesuits, religious and lay people talked with young people of the CLC Youth Centre about projects regarding **„Faith and Justice“**. A large number of youth took part in these events.

## > THE CLC YOUTH CENTRE IN INNSBRUCK („MK“) <



Members of the "mk"



S. Max Heine-Geldern SJ

Wherever Jesuits founded schools, Marian Congregations ("mk") grew there very soon as well. This also happened in Innsbruck in 1577. Since then, Jesuits have accompanied young persons on their journey through life, promoting their talents, creating space for community and enabling encounters with the Christian faith. The style of this work changed a lot over the centuries - always in response to the needs of the time.

Even today, the era of Father Kripp during the 1970's is on everyone's lips. With his approach to youth work, he not only broke numerous time-honored structures in Innsbruck. Father Kripp managed to create free space for the youth, and thousands of young people were delighted by this fresh wind which he brought to the ministry. Among other things, serious discussions among the youth about sensitive topics took place. Individuals and groups supported people in need in Innsbruck as well as abroad. Awakenings are not only received with enthusiasm, this departure from the traditional approach to youth ministry also experienced a lot of resistance from various sides. Are we responding to the spirit of the times today?

My team and I have dealt with this question. In our work, **we focus on five areas:**

**First**, we are an open youth center. During opening times, the "mk" offers almost 400m<sup>2</sup> for all children and young people between 10-20 years. From Monday to Thursday, we also offer lunch. Above all, the bar service on Friday evening is very popular.

**Second:** The heart of the "mk" are the groups that meet weekly. Currently, there are 17 groups. On the principle "youth leads youth", they experience and create group dynamic processes, learn to take responsibility for one another and find out what kind of delight and hardship commitment for others might bring with it.

**Thirdly**, the "mk" is on the road with young people about

50 days a year. The trips have different focuses. One might be a common bicycle tour in Corsica, another a cultural and spiritual Easter trip to Turkey, or a camp-out for 10-15 year-olds in the mountains. In addition to the trips, we organize a monthly party together with young people, as well as special afternoon programs for the younger ones.

**Fourthly**, young people of the "mk" are socially committed. Every month, a group cooks for people in difficult situations and serves them. For many young people, who are growing up in sheltered conditions, these are formative experiences.

**Finally**, spirituality forms the fifth area. Every Sunday evening, we celebrate a youth mass. In special times, there are weekly morning prayers and on Sacred Heart Fridays a morning mass takes place. Every two years, a confirmation preparation course is held, as well as a week of spiritual exercises for young people in summer.

For many young people the "mk" is the only place where they experience personal contact with the church institution. Otherwise, they get their information about the church through religious education (which many young people pass over for the benefit of ethics teaching) and through the media.

For us Jesuits, it is one of the few places where we can get into contact with the world of youth (at least from the urban middle and upper classes). In this respect, the "mk" is a platform for real encounter that can enrich both sides. For me personally, this mission is therefore a great asset. There is no room for pious phrases. It is the witness of life and thus the whole person is required. In the best case, this new work deepens my faith, in the worst case, it will consume me. Precisely for this reason the community in the Jesuit College, the benevolence of the confreres, spiritual company and a supportive circle of friends play a central role. **S. Max Heine-Geldern SJ**

## > NEW BOOKS <

Nina Kogler

### **GeschlechterGeschichte der Katholischen Aktion im Austrofaschismus**

Diskurse – Strukturen – Relationen (Religion – Kultur – Gesellschaft. Studien zur Kultur- und Sozialgeschichte des Christentums in Neuzeit und Moderne 4). Berlin/Münster/Wien: LIT-Verlag 2014.

Georg Fischer, Simone Paganini

### **Per comprendere la bibbia**

Prefazione di Guido Benzi. Padua: Messagero di Sant'Antonio 2013.

Anne Sophie Spann, Daniel Wehinger (Hg.)

### **Vermögen und Handlung**

Der dispositionale Realismus und unser Selbstverständnis als Handelnde. Münster: Mentis 2014.

Roman A. Siebenrock, Christoph J. Amor

### **Handeln Gottes**

Beiträge zur aktuellen Debatte (Quaestiones disputatae 262). Freiburg/Basel/Wien: Herder 2014.

Wilhelm Rees (Hg.)

### **Ökumene**

Kirchenrechtliche Aspekte (Kirchenrechtliche Bibliothek 13). Berlin/Münster/Wien: LIT-Verlag 2014.

Liborius Olaf Lumma

### **Antiphonenregister zum Benediktinischen Antiphonale**

Vier-Türme-Verlag Münsterschwarzach 2014.

## &gt; CORNELIUS EKKA SJ &lt;



Cornelius Ekka SJ

The Jesuit College in Innsbruck has a long tradition of supporting Jesuits from South Asian, Latin American and African Assistancies for higher studies, both in Theology and Philosophy. In India for example, a substantial number of Professors teaching both at *Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth*, Pune, as well as at *Vidyajyoti*, Delhi, have passed through this community. In spite

of the difficulties of shrinking funds and number of Jesuit personnel in the Faculty of Theology, the Austrian Province remains committed to its mission of helping Jesuits from these Assistancies. Indeed, this is a wonderful example of international collaboration among the Jesuits. As for me, it has been more than two years now since Jesuitenkolleg Innsbruck became a home to me. I am writing my dissertation on the German Jesuit Mission in Bombay-Pune, India. One of the foremost reasons for its selection is its Indian connection. I do hope that it would be a humble contribution towards the growth of knowledge on the Jesuit missions in India. Here I wish, however, to share some of my experiences of the community life. Ever since my arrival, I have been struck by a number of positive aspects of its life. Indeed, there are many more, but I restrict myself to four here.

**Homey and Close-knit Community:** Jesuitenkolleg is a very homey and close-knit community. In contrast with some of the other houses of studies that I have had the opportunity of visiting, I discovered a unique charm that seems to underline the spirit of community life among the members here. A sense of mutual respect and regard for one another prevails here. As there are Jesuits from at least four Assistancies residing here, there is ample scope for growing in awareness of the beauty and richness of other cultures. Thanks to the Austrian Province, one is strengthened very tangibly in the awareness of belonging to the universal Society.

**Praying and Dining Together:** Two aspects that spontaneously draw the attention of any new-comer to the community are praying and dining together. The common meals that follow the common prayer at noon seem to be like the two sides of the same coin: spiritual nourishment followed by physical nourishment - in order to accomplish the mission entrusted to each one of us. In my opinion the common prayer at noon is one of the most significant aspects of community life here. The young and old coming together to pray has a dual function of uniting individuals to God on the one hand and edifying each other on the other. Further, at the dining table the exchange of views that takes place contributes significantly towards cementing the bond of union as it facilitates more personal relationships among the members. Unlike other bigger communities, no one is condemned to remaining incognito.

**Freedom and Responsibility:** The community gives its members enough freedom to organize one's own life, striking a balance between the academic and spiritual demands of our Jesuit life. No wonder, each one is expected to use his freedom with responsibility and fulfill the demands and expectations of one's stay here. Every Jesuit passing out from this community must inculcate this need for balance and it is heartening to see that there are exemplary members here in this regard.

**Work and Relaxation:** Innsbruck, blessed as it is with a beautiful landscape surrounded by high-rising mountains, provides a perfect atmosphere for hard work on the one hand and relaxation on the other. Besides, the weather is very conducive to both. Apparently because of this, there seems to be a general consciousness about health and well-being, work and relaxation in the community. The majority of the senior members of the community sets a good example in this regard. Many of them are very regular in taking a walk, cycling, or skiing. A message that is indirectly imparted is: Good health is important for good performance in academic life as well.

## &gt; GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES IN JULY AND AUGUST, 2014 &lt;

In summer 2014, the Jesuit College in Innsbruck will offer the possibility of attending intensive German language courses at the University. We offer free board and lodging at the Jesuit College for our Jesuit students. The home province or the sending institution will have to pay the travel costs, the course fees at the University, as well as the personal expenses of the student. The courses at the University last three weeks and cost € 520,-. It is also possible to attend two courses (six weeks), which would then amount to € 1040,-.

**3 weeks:** 30th June - 18th July 2014 or 21st July - 8th August 2014

**6 weeks:** 30th June - 8th August 2014

Interested students should contact [raphaela.hoegl@uibk.ac.at](mailto:raphaela.hoegl@uibk.ac.at) as soon as possible. Further information on the language course can be downloaded under: <http://www.uibk.ac.at/ihd/index.html>

## &gt; DOCTORAL STUDIES IN INNSBRUCK &lt;

Jesuits, who wish to earn a doctoral degree or a licentiate in the fields of either Philosophy or Theology at the University of Innsbruck starting in October 2014, should contact the Rector soon, as the procedure to obtain a visa and to enroll at the University takes some time. It is strongly recommended to acquire some language proficiency in German in one's home province prior to arriving in Innsbruck.