



HEARTLAND DELTA IV

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

The Way of the Future: Companions in Mission

May 24–27, 2004

QUICK FACTS

WHEN: Monday, May 24, 5:30 p.m. through Thursday, May 27, 1 p.m.

Registration: Monday, May 24, beginning at noon

Preparatory meetings at each participating university will precede the conference.

WHO: Representatives of 12 Jesuit colleges and universities in the Midwest and Delta regions

Creighton University – Omaha, Nebraska

John Carroll University – Cleveland, Ohio

Loyola University Chicago – Chicago, Illinois

Loyola University New Orleans – New Orleans, Louisiana

Marquette University – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Regis University – Denver, Colorado

Rockhurst University – Kansas City, Missouri

Saint John's College – Belize City, Belize

Saint Louis University – St. Louis, Missouri

Spring Hill College – Mobile, Alabama

University of Detroit Mercy – Detroit, Michigan

Xavier University – Cincinnati, Ohio

WHAT: Three days of talks, discussions, celebrations and collegial reflection on four key topics*

“A Moment of Grace:” A New Companionship in the Ignatian Spirit

Dr. John DeGioia, President, Georgetown University

Respondent: Sister Maureen A. Fay, O.P., Ph.D., President, University of Detroit Mercy

“Partners in Mission:” Many Gifts, One Community

Karen Ivantic-Doucette, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Marquette University

Charles Clausen, Marquette Alumnus and former Professor, Law School, Marquette University

Joyana Jacoby, 2004 Graduate, College of Arts and Sciences, Marquette University

With Justice to Guide Us: Daring to be Leaders of Compassion

Rev. Greg Boyle, S.J., Director of Jobs for a Future and Homeboy Industries

Another Voice: An Evening with Mary Maxwell

“A Hope for the Future:” Responding Creatively as Companions in Mission

Dr. Alice Bourke Hayes, former President, University of San Diego

* Titles in quotation marks refer to quotes from Jesuit General Congregation 34, Decree 13: Cooperation with the Laity in Mission.

WHY HEARTLAND-DELTA?

American Jesuit Higher Education has entered a new phase of its history. Increasingly, Jesuit colleges and universities are staffed and led by committed lay people who are interested in advancing the missions of their schools, but have less familiarity with the principles of Jesuit education and Ignatian spirituality than the Jesuits who preceded them. Heartland-Delta IV offers an opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in a three-day learning experience on these topics and build fruitful, lasting connections with their colleagues at 11 other Jesuit schools in the Midwest and Delta regions. Participants at past Heartland-Delta gatherings have found the experience enriching and even transforming for their work.

A BRIEF HISTORY of HEARTLAND-DELTA

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 1994, nine Midwest schools assembled at Loyola University Chicago for "Jesuit Higher Education in the Heartland," Heartland I. Three years later, Saint Louis University hosted Heartland II, as the list grew to 11 institutions and expanded beyond the Midwest.

When the next meeting was hosted at Creighton University in Omaha in 2000, a dozen colleges and universities gathered and the name was changed to Heartland-Delta III to reflect the growing presence of schools in the South and in Belize.

Now in its 10th anniversary year, the Heartland-Delta gathering has become an essential venue for dialogue and learning about Jesuit education, collaboration and Ignatian spirituality. With a continuing emphasis on welcoming new participants, the planners and sponsors of the conference eagerly look forward to our next meeting — Heartland-Delta IV at Marquette!



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