



# USA Provinces of the Society of Jesus

*Presentation to Jesuit Advancement Administrators*

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How many Jesuit priests and brothers are there today world-wide?

How many Jesuit partners?

How much does it cost to become a Jesuit?

How long does it take?

How many of you attended a Jesuit institution?

How many educational institutions founded by the Society of Jesus are there world-wide?



What is a Province?

What is the name of your Provincial?

Is a Provincial a tenured position?

Who is Adolfo Nicholas?

What's the connection between a Province and a Jesuit institution of higher education?



# Overview of the USA Provinces



The Society of Jesus is the largest order of Catholic priests and brothers in the world, founded 500 years ago by the soldier-turned-mystic St. Ignatius Loyola. St. Ignatius was a prolific writer and fundraiser, as this artist's rendering shows.





“The very sizeable development of lay partnership emerging in the schools is one of the most striking features of the Province today. It confers many benefits—educating ourselves about the still much-neglected lay perspectives in our Church, extending our reach, ensuring our future.”

*- Fr. Bruce Bradley, SJ*



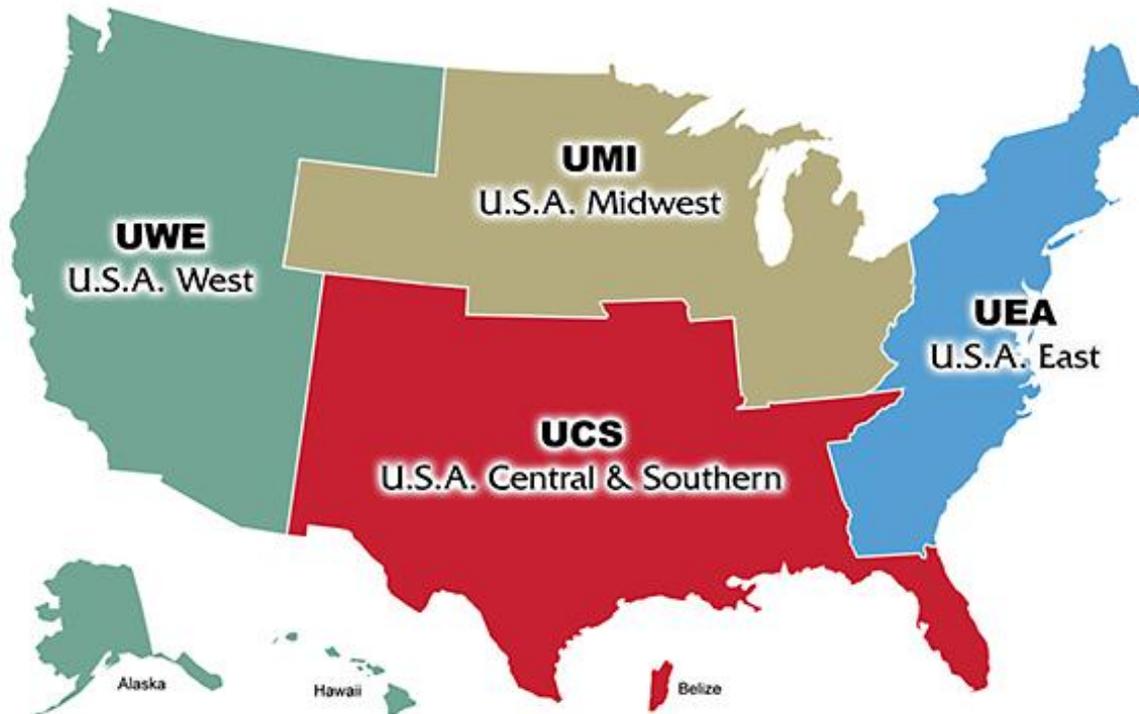
As teachers, missionaries, pastors, scholars, retreat directors, doctors, scientists, and administrators, Jesuits are missioned to where they are most needed.



This missioning process is administered by the Province. Each Province has a Provincial appointed by Father General of the Society of Jesus. While a Province is the place a Jesuit begins and ends his service to the Society and Church, little is known about Provinces.



There are 7 Provinces in the United States.  
By 2020, there will be 4.

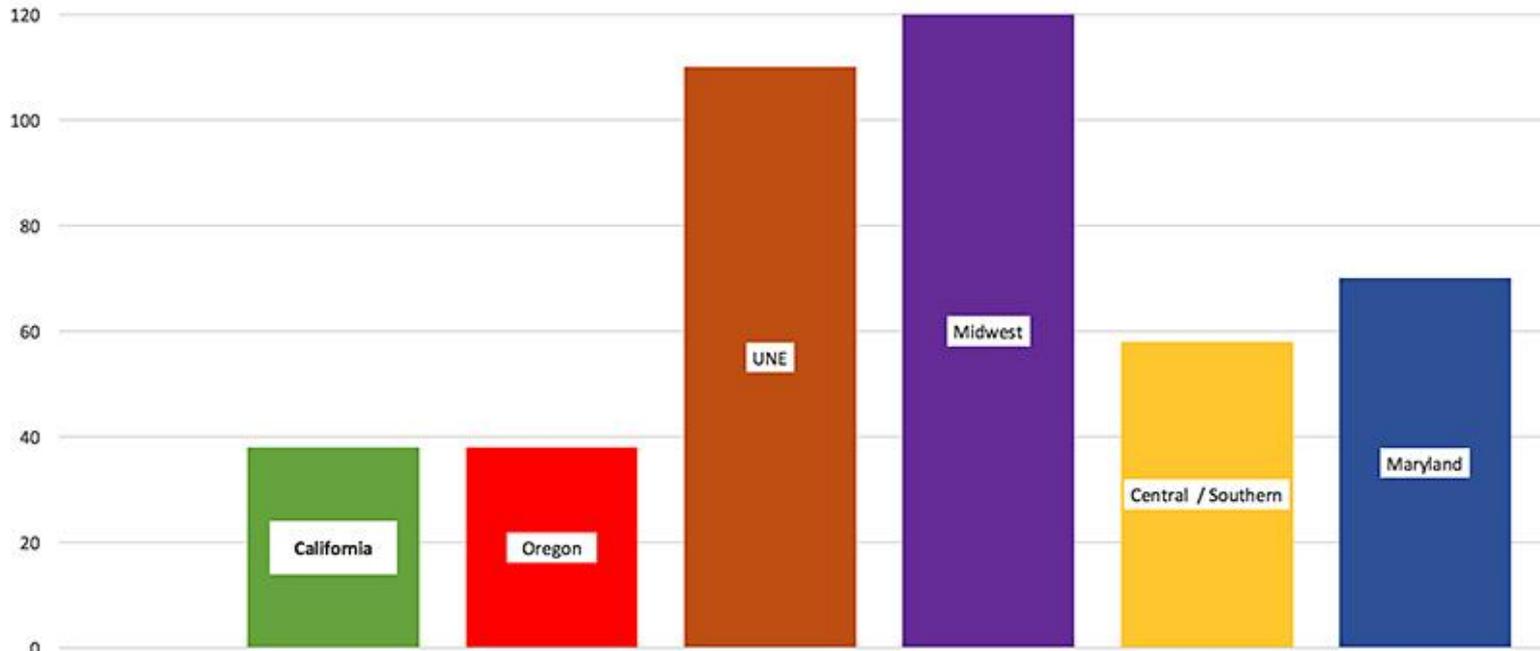


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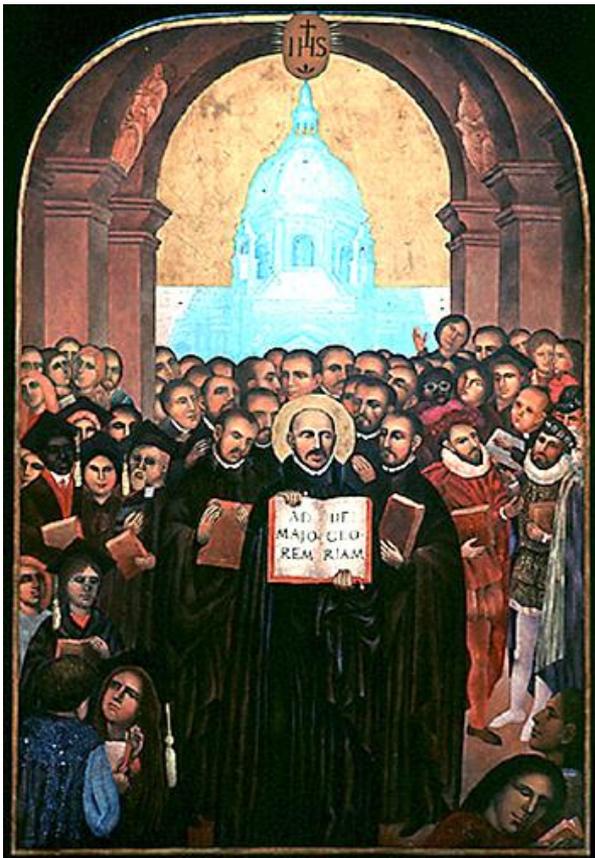
- Formation of priests and brothers
- New ministries
- International missions
- Care for older/infirm Jesuits



## Number of USA based Jesuits in Senior Living Communities



This is an extraordinary moment in the richly complex history of the Society of Jesus.



# Pope Francis election in 2013 & Renewal of the Catholic Church

“We recognize the election of Pope Francis as a key moment in the history of the Society and we see it as a moment of rediscovery, a return to something of the dynamic inspiration of our beginnings, very much in tune with the urgings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council to return to the sources.”



*From a publication of the  
Jesuit Conference*

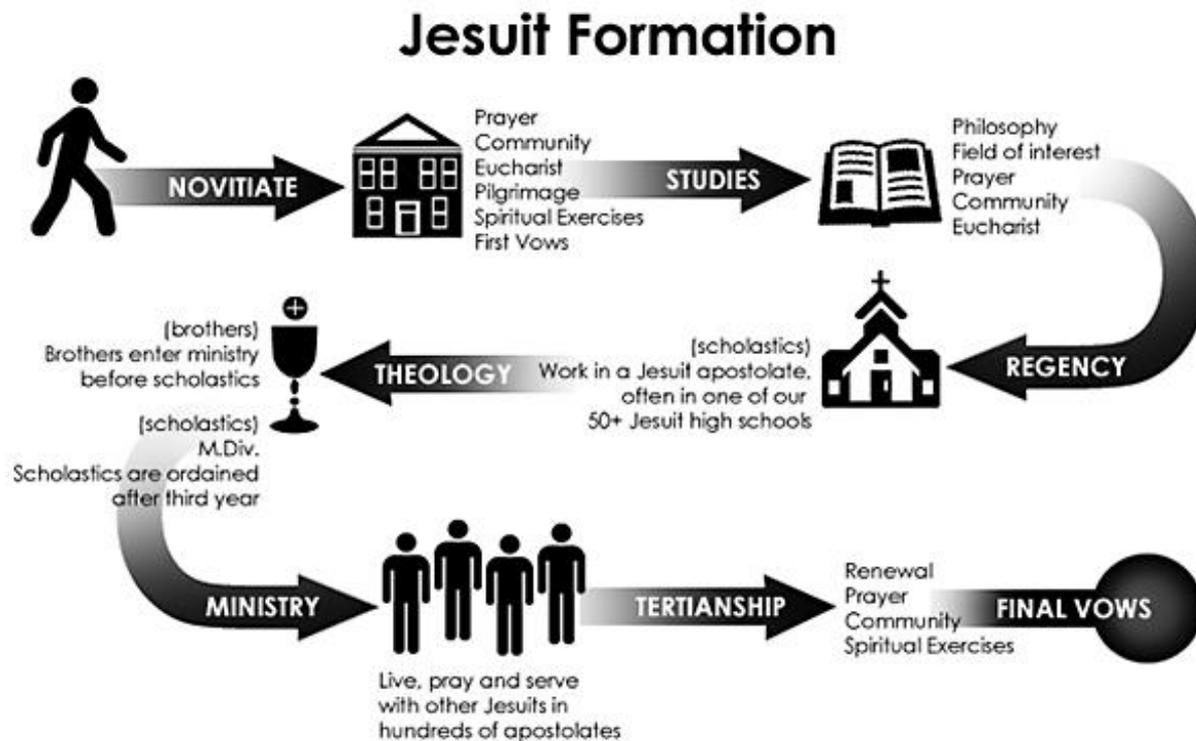


Vocation inquiries have increased by 60%.

In 2015, 28 Jesuits were ordained in the US, the largest number in 15 years.



The path of Formation takes close to 12 years and costs \$500,000.



## New Jesuit Schools:

Cristo Rey Atlanta, 2014

Cristo Rey Milwaukee, 2015

Arrupe College, 2016 (First Jesuit Community College in Chicago)



Vibrant Ministries responding to social justice needs include Dog tag Bakery and Homeboy Industries to name a few.



With these exciting times, come challenges:

- Aging demographics of Society with rising health care costs
- Responding to an increase in vocations with the rising costs of higher education
- Fewer priests on campuses to sustain the Ignatian vision and Jesuit mission



Education is central to Jesuit mission:

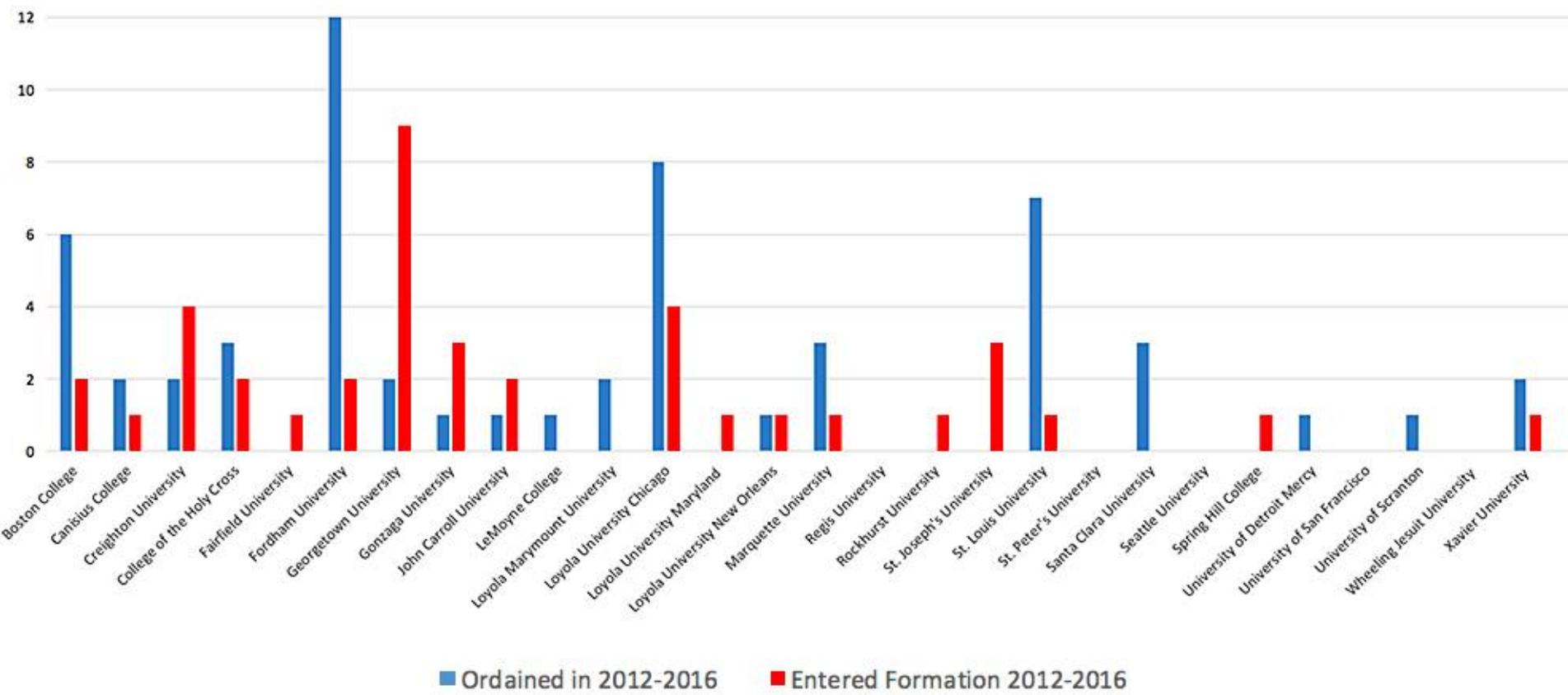
The formation of young men and women of competence, conscience, and compassion.



We are grateful for Jesuit colleges & universities, their leadership, vitality and commitment to the Society of Jesus. AJCU's member institutions are part of the total number of 189 Jesuit Colleges & Universities throughout the world. Many of your alumni come from one of the 324 Jesuit Secondary Schools throughout globe.



We are gratified by the Jesuit priests/brothers/seminarians who are graduates of your schools



## We welcome your partnership in Advancement and Communications.

*“As we face now an increasingly secular age, with all its challenges and possibilities, we ask ourselves, chastened and humbled by our history but also consoled and full of hope, where God is leading us. Much has been accomplished through those who have gone before us, beginning with St. Ignatius’ small missionary band in 1540 and through all the years since.*

*Now for the future!”*

- Cardinal Avery Dulles, SJ<sup>+</sup>



## Next Steps

- Fortify Jesuit mission via publications/web/presentations
- Discuss and explore Province/University partnership possibilities
- Consider Jesuit vocation promotion stories
- Collaboration with University Planned Giving efforts

