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Above: Fr. Felix Just, S.J., with 2014 "Rosita Diaz Award" winner Judge Frances Munoz and LIS Program Director Carlos Obando at last year's "Hearts on Fire" celebration.

From the Director...



Dear Friends of LIS,

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32). These familiar words, first spoken by the two disciples whom the risen Jesus had encountered on the road to Emmaus, and with whom they had broken some bread, are still so pertinent for us today.

Encountering our risen Lord Jesus more closely, especially in the scriptures and the sacraments, is what Christian life is all about. And having been nourished by the risen Lord, we are then commissioned to proclaim the Good News of the resurrection, the victory of life over death, the triumph of God's goodness over the powers of darkness.

"Setting hearts on fire" has also become one of the catch-phrases of the Society of Jesus in recent decades, and it provides the imagery upon which the Loyola Institute's annual "Hearts on Fire" awards dinner and celebration is based. This year we are pleased to honor three wonderful individuals who have indeed set many people's "hearts on fire" with love for God and in service to the neighbor.

We hope that you can join us on Sunday evening, May 3, for this

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Our Mission

In the Ignatian tradition, Loyola Institute for Spirituality accompanies people on their journey toward a life-giving relationship with God, self, and others, through experiential formation to help transform the world.

The values of collaboration, ecumenism and cultural diversity guide the programs and services of Loyola Institute for Spirituality

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special celebration at which we will honor **Fr. Gordon Moreland, SJ** (Hearts on Fire Award), **Fr. William Barry, SJ** (Writer's Award in Spirituality), and **Mrs. Margot Santos** (Rosita Diaz 'Love in Action' Award). Please see the article below for a little more information about each award recipient.

As you may know, this annual event is not just an awards dinner but also our most important fund-raising opportunity of the year. So if you cannot attend in person, **please consider making a donation** to LIS at this time, as a way of paying tribute to our wonderful honorees, and we will gladly include you among the generous donors whose names will be listed in the commemorative program.

May the peace, joy, and love of our risen Lord Jesus be with you throughout this Easter Season, and indeed every day of your life!

Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D.
Executive Director, LIS

Hearts on Fire 2015



Sunday, May 3, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Reception & Silent Auction

5:30 p.m.

Dinner & Award Ceremony

LOCATION:

DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel
100 The City Drive, Orange CA

HEARTS ON FIRE AWARD

Rev. Gordon Moreland, S.J.

Fr. Moreland was born and raised in the farming area of central Washington State near Yakima. After three years at Gonzaga and Seattle Universities, he entered the Jesuit Novitiate near Portland, Oregon, in August 1951. In 1958 he completed his master's in philosophy at Mount Saint Michaels near Spokane and then taught high school in Tacoma for three years. He studied theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, where he was ordained a priest in 1964. He taught philosophy at Mount Saint Michaels for two years, was novice director of his province for eight years, taught high school again for three years, and was director of Loyola Retreat House in Portland for five years. In January 1986 he came to Orange County as director of the



House of Prayer for Priests. He has long been involved in directing and preaching retreats for bishops and priests from around the country. On weekends he also presides at Mass and preaches in local parishes.

WRITER'S AWARD IN SPIRITUALITY

Rev. William A. Barry, S.J.

Fr. Barry has been a Jesuit for 64 years and a priest for 52. He earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan in 1968. He has taught at the University of Michigan, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and Boston College, and has also been engaged in administrative work in the Society of Jesus. From 1988 to 1991 he was rector of the Jesuit Community at Boston College and on the Board of Trustees. From 1991 to 1997 he was provincial of the Jesuits of New England. At present he gives retreats and spiritual direction at Campion Renewal Center in Weston, MA, and elsewhere. He is the author of twenty books, the latest entitled *Praying the Truth: Deepening Your Friendship with God through Honest Prayer*, published by Loyola Press in 2012.



ROSITA DIAZ AWARD

Mrs. Margot Santos

Mrs. Santos has worked in the Diocese of Orange for about 16 years. She holds a Master's degree in Pastoral Theology from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, and has a passion for bringing people to Christ through a relational ministry. She began by volunteering as a catechist in her parish and slowly began finding herself more and more involved in the church. She spent most of her career as the Director of Religious Education and Hispanic Ministry at the Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano. Her greatest accomplishment has been making others believe in themselves, helping them see the strength God has given them. For the past few years she was Director of Pastoral Care of Families at the Diocese of Orange and has spent many years teaching others to lead communities of believers to this same great family that is the Catholic Church.



TICKETS

\$150 per person, or \$1500 for a table of 10

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Springing Into Life

by Sr. Jeanne Fallon, C.S.J., Associate Director

For weeks I have been listening to tiny birds singing in their nest tucked into the eaves of our roof just above my window. From the middle of their nest-home I heard the pulsating heart of the universe - new life, vibrant energy, song and dance, melodies of praise - all filling the air with joyful waves of delight. How can five little birds fill the area with such happiness? Does their singing quell any fear as they make their first attempt to fly? Do they sing as they take their first leap into freedom, flapping their tiny wings like their mother?



This is spring. This is Eastertime. We celebrate the rising of Jesus Christ from the stillness of the tomb. We join the pulsating heart of the universe in joyful praise singing Alleluia to Jesus Christ, praising his love that permeates the cosmos with peace and gratefulness. Let us take a lesson from the birds outside my window and share our joy of being alive and born anew in Christ and his abundant love.

*Jesus, how do you want to live your abundant love in me?
Is there a song of joy you want to sing in each of us, even in hard times?
May we Christians be radiant with your New Life!*

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Become a Member of LIS:

**LIS Membership is open to anyone
who wants to support our vital ministries.**

Members not only receive certain benefits, but also provide much-needed financial support on a more stable and regular basis. We have established several categories of LIS Membership, which are renewable annually, on a calendar-year basis:

- **Regular Members** - those who donate **\$100 or more** within a calendar year
- **Supporting Members** - those who donate **\$250 or more** within a calendar year
- **Major Donors** - those who donate **\$500 or more** within a calendar year:
 - Manresa Circle - min. \$500
 - Peter Faber Circle - min. \$1,000
 - Francis Xavier Circle - min. \$2,500
 - Ignatius Loyola Circle - min. \$5,000
 - Magis Circle - min. \$10,000
- **Sustaining Members** - those who pledge to donate on a **monthly or quarterly basis**
 - Your total annual donations qualify you as a regular member, supporting member, or member of one of the Major Donor Circles.

Membership Benefits include:

- **Gifts of Appreciation** - religious bookmarks, calendars, books, pins, and other items
- **Invitations to Special Events** - annual BBQ, Ignatius Day Mass, Open House
- **Discounts on LIS Programs** - members-only rates on select courses and events
- **Public Recognition** - listing on LIS website and in the "Hearts on Fire" program
- **Personal Satisfaction** - knowing that you are helping LIS ministries to grow

How Your Membership Donation Helps LIS:

- Scholarships for deserving people
- Retreats for homeless persons
- Leadership training for young adults
- Expanded programs in Spanish and several Asian languages
- Spiritual direction for individuals
- New staff to help serve more people

With your help, we will be able to meet growing needs fueled by a deep spiritual hunger that so many people are experiencing today. Our program fees are kept as low as possible, and we offer scholarships whenever needed and possible. We are committed to remaining affordable and accessible for all people, especially in these difficult times.

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