



HEARTLAND DELTA 7:

BALANCING OUR ECONOMIC REALITIES WITH OUR CALL TO THE MARGINS

MAY 28, 2015

Overview: As Jesuit, Catholic universities, we are called in mission to form women and men who will engage in solidarity with those on the margins in our own local communities and in the wider world—in essence, to answer the call from Pope Francis and our Jesuit tradition to take on the “globalization of indifference” through attentiveness to the poor and vulnerable.

We are also challenged to become inclusive learning communities on our own campuses for students and colleagues from increasingly diverse backgrounds, with particular attention to how we address problems of economic access to the education we hope to provide.

Ultimately, the economic and social challenges that face our world and our students also face our universities as we struggle with rising costs, financial accessibility for many of our students and families, and demands that we become more responsive to the marketplace in our offerings.

Our Day of Reflection and Conversation: The twelve universities of our region and provinces will come together virtually on May 28, 2015 to engage these topics. Keynoters and facilitators will include:

- Greg Boyle, S.J., founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, will reflect on what living a life and “community of kinship” means for us as individuals and universities—that “women and men for others” means fundamentally placing ourselves “with others.”
- Sr. Peggy O’Neill, S.C., Director of the Centre of the Arts for Peace in El Salvador, will bring her experience with the rural poor of El Salvador to our conversations, as Jesuit universities are increasingly asked to reach out together on projects far beyond our own neighborhoods and nation.
- Rick Malloy, S.J., Director of Campus Ministry and University Chaplain at the University of Scranton, will invite conference participants to engage in the realities of our students, including how their complex personal stories and increasingly fragmented digital learning styles challenge us to creatively engage their hearts and aspirations.
- Dr. Raymond Reyes, Chief Diversity Officer at Gonzaga University, who will call us to reflect more deeply on what the current and next generation of students bring to our learning communities—the strengths they bring to our campuses, the challenges that many of them face, and the opportunities they provide to live our mission.
- Dr. Antoine Garibaldi, President of the University of Detroit Mercy, will guide our cross-institutional sharing around the challenges we face to remain economically viable as we face the changing realities of our students and markets and continue to work toward our “call to the margins.”

We look forward to our listening, learning, and conversations—as we conclude with a Jesuit Examen of our reactions and how we are being drawn into further reflection and action in our lives, on our home campuses, and within our wider Jesuit university family.

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