# Jesuit Social Research Institute Annual Report Institute-Non-Degree-Granting AY 2012-2013

## Section 1: Executive Summary –

The Jesuit Social Research Institute works to transform the Gulf South through action research, analysis, education, and advocacy on the core issues of poverty, race, and migration. The Institute is a collaboration of Loyola University New Orleans and the New Orleans Province of the Society of Jesus, rooted in the faith that does justice.

JSRI is in its second year of its Strategic Plan. The plan includes six strategic directions, 19 goals, and a number of specific strategies and action steps for each. Progress is reviewed periodically at staff meetings, deadlines and planned actions adjusted when necessary, and new actions are added where appropriate.

## Section 2: Unit Profile Summary –

Year Founded: The Jesuit Social Research Institute (JSRI) of Loyola University was formally established as a collaborative undertaking of the New Orleans Province of the Society of Jesus and Loyola University New Orleans through a Memorandum of Understanding signed on November 28, 2007. The JSRI office and staff began functioning in August, 2007 at the start of the FY08 academic year.

List/describe programs: JSRI "programs" are organized in three categories: action-research; education; and advocacy.

# **ACTION-RESEARCH AREAS BY HEADING:**

Poverty: research continues in the areas of Gulf South poverty, tax justice, minimum wage, Medicaid expansion, Affordable Care Act, Unemployment, and U.S. budget.

Racism: voting rights, death penalty, immigration, white racism, electoral politics.

Migration: comprehensive immigration reform, Dream Act, undocumented migration, Latino vote, guestworker program, Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986,

The "output" of this research is reflected in the education activities of JSRI and its advocacy activities, as spelled out below in Section 3.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Education in JSRI is broadly focused on the campus community, the civic community, the Church community, Jesuits and Jesuit institutions, and the broader public.

Institute staff and collaborators disseminate this research and analysis and education on Institute core issues and Catholic Social Teaching through a variety of means:

- <u>Publications</u> such as our <u>JustSouth Quarterly</u> and <u>JustSouth E-newsletter</u>, web pages, workbooks, monographs, pamphlets, articles in popular and academic journals, op-ed pieces, newsletters, testimonies before civil authorities, presentations at conferences, etc.:
- Workshops, classes and seminars offered through Loyola University, as well as regional, national and international conferences and symposia;
- Presentations for high school and university faculty and students as well as Catholic and other faithbased workers, leaders, clergy, religious, and community organizers focusing on developing skills for social analysis and theological reflection, using the research and analysis of the institute as models;
- Facilitation and networking services aimed at building the capacity of church and community based organizations for social analysis, theological reflection, advocacy, and effective planning on issues that they are working to address in their own communities and regions; and
- Opportunities for social analysis and theological reflection for faculty, staff, and students participating in
  immersion experiences from a variety of educational institutions that provide opportunities learning
  about issues associated with poverty, racism, and migration in partnering countries and in the South and
  Southwest. JSRI staff also provide social analysis and theological reflection resources for those coming
  to this region to assist in post-Katrina re-building efforts.

#### ADVOCACY

Institute staff, collaborators, and stakeholders engage in <u>advocacy</u> on social and economic issues through providing testimony to legislative bodies, meeting with legislators and staff members of the region, and conducting public events such as hearings and press conferences. JSRI offers assistance to other advocates by providing background research for testimony and undertaking campaigns promoting values such as the common good and the preferential option for the poor, and by integrating public ethics into the fostering of public policy.

- Staff work with local Catholic groups, state Catholic Conferences, interfaith organizations, civic organizations, and other advocates on national, state, and local legislative and administrative issues; and
- The <u>JustSouth Quarterly</u> and <u>JustSouth E-newsletter</u>, as well as the JSRI website and facebook and twitter posts include a focus on current legislative and administrative issues and initiatives dealing with <u>poverty</u>, <u>race</u>, and <u>migration</u> in the region, the nation, and in sending countries.
- Specific ongoing advocacy projects include:
  - Payday lending
  - Death Penalty
  - o Comprehensive Immigration Reform
  - Opposing anti-immigrant legislation
  - Medicaid expansion
  - Human Rights in Private Prisons

#### Section 2.1: Staff and Human Resources

Staff: 4 permanent FTE: Director, Fellow, Fellow/Migration Specialist, and Administrative Assistant. The Director and two Fellows have faculty rank.

2 Associates, not paid by JSRI, working for other agencies: 1 Jesuit liaison, 1 Alabama Associate Administrative assistant, Christi Schott, will vacate the position in October 2013. Until her successor is hired, some of the AA's responsibilities will be filled by a work-study student.

Seeking grant funding to hire an economic policy expert in 2013-14 to join the staff and boost focus on poverty.

#### Advisory Board members:

- o Lydia Voigt, Ph.D., Fr. Joseph H. Fichter, SJ, Distinguished Professor, Loyola University New Orleans, chairperson
- o Rev. Eduardo Fernandez, S.J., Professor, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
- o Rev. Rafael García, S.J., Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish (Albuquerque, NM)
- Anna Maria Jackson, Attorney at Law, Program Director, Louisiana Agricultural Mediation Program, Southern University
- o Mary Jolley, Community Activist, Tuscaloosa, AL
- o Salvador Longoria, Attorney at Law, Community Activist, N.O.LA
- o Most Rev. Roger Morin, Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Biloxi
- o Bernard Panetta II, Attorney at Law, El Paso, TX
- o Lee Taft, Attorney at Law, Director, Taft Solutions, Dallas, TX
- o Manuel A. Vásquez, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Religion, University of Florida, Gainesville

### Section 3: Goals for Current Academic Year -

## 3.1 Goals by year 2012-13

Beginning in September of 2010, JSRI recruited a task force made up of Loyola and community representatives, in addition to staff and board members, to construct a three year strategic plan. JSRI then underwent an intensive strategic planning process, including SWOT analysis, workgroups, board input, and a revision of JSRI's mission, vision, and values. The final plan was approved by JSRI's advisory board in March 2012. The steps in the planning process and the persons involved are laid out in detail on pages 14-15 in the plan at http://www.loyno.edu/jsri/sites/loyno.edu.jsri/files/PLAN-FINAL-06-28-12-plan.pdf

#### **EDUCATION**

It was important this year to connect education activities to the interest generated by the Fall 2012 presidential and congressional elections, the ongoing debate on immigration reform, the persistent battles in Congress over the federal budget and deficit, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and our particular advocacy projects

Four editions of the *JustSouth Quarterly* were distributed to approximately 1600 persons across the Gulf South and around the world: Jesuits (individuals, communities, and institutions), bishops, social justice activists, Catholic Charities leaders, theologians, high school teachers, university professors, and many others. The four editions in 2012-13 included the following articles:

#### Fall 2012

- Race and the 2012 Presidential Election--Mikulich
- Catholic Social Thought and the Common Good--Kammer
- Fairy-Tale or Worse? The Ryan-Romney Budget Plan and Catholic Moral Criteria--Kammer
- "Impossible Subjects" with Impossible Choices--Weishar

#### Winter 2012

- Fiscal Cliff, Fiscal Slope, or the Common Good: The U.S. Debt and Deficit Crisis, Lame Ducks, and a New Responsibility--Kammer
- Catholic Social Thought and Global Financial Systems--Kammer
- Reform of Guestworker Program Thwarted--Weishar

• Thomas Merton's "Letters to a White Liberal"--Mikulich

# Spring 2013

- Immigration Reform in Retrospect: Lessons Learned, Lives Changed--Weishar
- Catholic Social Thought (CST) and Subsidiarity--Kammer
- The Gift of W.E.B. Du Bois and Double-Consciousness--Mikulich
- Taxing the Poor: The Regressive Nature of State-Local Tax Systems--Kammer

#### Summer 2013

- In Praise of Newcomers--Mikulich
- Catholic Social Thought (CST) and Solidarity--Kammer
- Border Visions and Immigration Reform--Weishar
- Where are the Jobs? Continuing Unemployment and Worse--Kammer

Seven editions of the *JustSouth E-News* were distributed to all Loyola faculty, staff, and students as well as about 1400 of JSRI's own publication list for whom email addresses are available. Analysis of the "openings" of the *E-News* for the month of March, 2013, for example, were as follows: 9.65% of 4,954 students; 17.84% of 566 faculty; 25.22% of 579 staff; and 29.73% of our JSRI list of 1,547 persons. These rates are typical of the various groups of recipients and are reviewed for each issue. The seven editions included the following articles:

## August 2012

- The Real Fraud in "Voter Fraud": How so-called reform laws aim to disenfranchise voters -- Mikulich
- A Legacy of "Cussedness": Update on Alabama's Harsh Immigration Enforcement Laws -- Weishar
- <u>Health Care Reform for Some: Governors play politics with health of low-income citizens</u> -- Kammer October 2012
  - Who Cares about the Broken World?: Celebrating the Church in the Modern World--Kammer
  - Dynamic Pursuit of the Common Good: Catholic Social Teaching as the Framework for Faithful Citizenship--Mikulich
  - Hope for Undocumented Youth--Weishar

#### November 2012

- The "Latino Giant" chooses Obama: An analysis of the 2012 Latino vote--Weishar
- A Victory for Democracy: Americans repudiate voter suppression, racism--Mikulich
- 21 Million Americans Kept Out of Poverty: Social Security critical to income of millions--Kammer January 2013
  - Ash Wednesday Execution: Executing a Life and Human Dignity--Mikulich
  - Strangers No Longer: Catholic Teachings on Immigration Reform--Weishar
  - The Tax Deal...and More Coming Horrors--Kammer

## March 2013

- A Covenant with Creation: Pope Benedict's Teaching on the Environment--Kammer
- Refining the Numbers: New Estimates of Unauthorized Immigrants in the U.S.--Weishar
- Execution Halted: Time to End the Death Penalty--Mikulich

# **April 2013**

- Troublemakers of the Beloved Community: The 50th Anniversary of the Letter from Birmingham Jail--Mikulich
- New Hope for Immigrants: A Way Forward for Immigration Reform--Weishar
- Their Stake in Medicaid Expansion: State Medicaid Decisions Impact People of Color--Kammer

# July 2013

- Minimum Wage: Gateway to Worker Dignity--Kammer
- Gutting the Voting Rights Act: U.S. Supreme Court Removes Key Enforcement Provision--Mikulich

Let Us Count the Reasons: Why Support the Senate's Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill—Weishar

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- "The Common Good and Health Care Reform," *Health Progress*, July-August 2012, pp. 54-68. [Kammer]
- "The new 'normalcy' still includes inequality for minorities," *National Catholic Reporter (on-line)*, August 17, 2012. [Mikulich]
- "The Medicaid Gap," *America*, September 10, 2012. [Kammer]
- "Merton's letters a call for white atonement," *National Catholic Reporter (on-line)*, January 21, 2013. [Mikulich]

#### FOUR ON-CAMPUS SPEAKERS OR CONFERENCES:

- Election 2012: With Liberty and Justice for Some? Race, Poverty, and Catholic Social Thought—Rev. Bryan Massingale, Ph.D., with respondents Dean Maria Pabón López of the College of Law and Dr. Peter Burns, Political Science Department—160 people attended.
- Human Trafficking—in anticipation of the superbowl—October 24<sup>th</sup>, evening, and all day on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>—180 people in attendance.
- Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, speaking on the death penalty—January 22, 2013—hundreds in attendance.
- April 10, 2013 panel—Dr. Mikulich and Laurie Cassidy and Margaret Pfeil, co-authors of *The Scandal of White Complicity in U.S. Hyper-incarceration: A Nonviolent Spirituality of White Resistance*.

LECTURES IN INDIVIDUAL CLASSES at the request of professors: political science freshman seminar [Kammer], honors freshman seminar [Kammer], criminal justice [Weishar, Mikulich], sociology [Mikulich], and religious studies [Mikulich].

#### PRESENTATIONS ON CAMPUS BY FELLOWS:

- August 20, 21, and 22, 2012—Loyola University "Spark" Freshman—Introduction to "Justice" at Loyola from the Jewish, then Christian, then Jesuit perspectives: three talks. [Kammer]
- October 17, 2012—How's a Catholic to Vote? Reflections on Faithful Citizenship—Loyola University New Orleans; Fr. Ed Vacek, respondent. Co-sponsored by JSRI and the Department of Religious Studies. [Kammer]
- November 9, 2012—Black, White, Brown, and Poor: Faithful Reflections on Post-Katrina New Orleans, Race, and Poverty—Loyola Week address sponsored by University Ministry. [Kammer]
- November 14, 2012—Reflections on the Election, Webcast for the Loyola Institute of Ministry (LIM) with Dr. Tom Ryan. [Kammer]
- February 5, 2013—Presentation of information to LUCAP on immigration reform and led strategizing session with the group. [Weishar]
- February 26, 2013—Presentation to Loyola First Year Seminar Class (Thinking Critically, Acting Justly) on application of CST to immigration issues. [Weishar]
- February 28, 2013—Guest lecturer for Black Students Union and LUCAP for Black History Month on "Celebrating African American History 365 Days a Year." [Mikulich]

- March 14, 2013—Presentation to LUCAP members on refugee work and what their faith asks of them regarding their upcoming mission trip to the Catholic Charities Refugee Program in Houston. [Weishar]
- Presentation on panel sponsored by Alpha Sigma Nu on the faith response to poverty. [Kammer]
- April 10, 2013—Co-facilitated conversation at Loyola Law School on April 10, 2013 *Scandal of White Complicity*. [Mikulich]
- April 10, 2013—Co-facilitated conversation "Hyper-incarceration Nation: Who are we really locking up?" on main campus. [Mikulich]
- April 23, 2013—Presentation on *Fifty Years—In, Of, and For the World: Gaudium et Spes and the Church in the Public Square*—as part of Lenten series sponsored by Mission and Ministry. [Kammer]

#### PRESENTATIONS OFF-CAMPUS BY FELLOWS:

- August 28, 2012—*Doing Faithjustice*—Jesuit High School New Orleans Alumni Author Series. [Kammer]
- September 10, 2012—Payday Lending in Louisiana in the Light of Catholic Social Teaching, LSU Graduate School of Social Work, Baton Rouge, LA. [Mikulich]
- September 18, 2012—Faithful Citizenship—New Orleans Province Speaker Series, New Orleans, LA. [Kammer]
- September 21, 2012—Talk at the Induction Ceremony for the National Honor Society, Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory, Houston, Texas. [Kammer]
- September 22, 2012—*Jesus and Politics: Does it matter?*—Lecture at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, Houston, Texas. [Kammer]
- October 9, 2012—Fifty Years—In, Of, and For the World: Gaudium et Spes and the Church in the Public Square at St. Catherine University, St. Paul MN. Both a lecture to the Board of Trustees and a Public Lecture on the topic. [Kammer]
- October 30, 2012—The Payday Debt Trap and What We Can Do About It, to Life and Justice Directors of the LA Conference of Catholic Bishops. [Mikulich]
- November 17, 2012—Keynote: Immigration Reform—Ignatian Family Teach-In 2012, Washington, DC, sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network. [Kammer]
- December 8, 2012—Spoke on Human Trafficking at Gillespie Memorial Breakfast, December 8, 2012. [Weishar]
- January 18-20, 2013—Multiple talks on the Judaeo-Christian tradition of social justice to sixty-plus Jesuit Volunteers in the Texas hill country. [Kammer]
- February 15, 2013—Address on Catholic Social Thought to the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Jackson. [Kammer]
- February 19, 2013—Presentation on *The Future of Solidarity: Changes and Challenges Facing Catholic Social Thought in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* for Founders' Day, Cabrini College, Philadelphia, to several hundred participants; also talks with several student groups. [Kammer]
- February 20, 2013—Guest speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Catholic Day at the Capitol in Jackson, MS on immigration issues. [Weishar]
- February 23, 2013—Presentation on *Fifty Years—In, Of, and For the World: Gaudium et Spes and the Church in the Public Square* sponsored by the Justice and Peace Commission of the Diocese of Arlington for 150 attendees.
- March 4, 2013—Keynote on *Poverty from the Churches' Perspective* to the Annual Assembly of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, held in New Orleans. [Kammer]
- March 7, 2013—Delivered annual Benedictine Lecture "Ethical Issues and the Death Penalty" at Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota. [Mikulich]

- March 11, 2013—Presentation on *Fifty Years—In, Of, and For the World: Gaudium et Spes and the Church in the Public Square* for 150 parishioners at St. Aloysius Parish, Baton Rouge. [Kammer]
- March 18, 2013—Lecture to 17 Southern U.S. Sites of Conscious members who are curators of civil rights museums in their respective communities at the Louisiana State Cabildo Museum. [Weishar]
- March 22, 2013—Presentation on CIR to LA NAFSA (National Association of Foreign Student Advisors) members on March 22 at Xavier University New Orleans. [Weishar]
- April 2, 2013—Presentation on CST on immigration and the need for CIR at immigration rally organized by N.O. Worker Center for Racial Justice in front of Federal Building. [Weishar]
- April 2-4, 2013—Series of talks on Ignatian spirituality and social justice to forty priests of the Diocese of Jackson in Chatawa, MS. [Kammer]
- April 29-May 1, 2013—Series of talks and arranged co-presenters on social justice to Jesuit novices of the New Orleans and Missouri Provinces in New Orleans. [Kammer]
- May 3, 2013—Presentation on CST at the Magnificat House of Discernment in New Orleans. [Kammer]
- May 14, 2013—Presentation to University of San Diego alumni group at Duchesne House. [Mikulich]
- June 7, 2013—Presentation on "Du Boisian Double-consciousness: A Way where there is no Way?" as one of three panelists for selected session at Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Meeting on "Conversion from White Complicity to Anti-Racist Spiritual Practice." [Mikulich]
- June 9, 2013—Presentation on "Witnessing to Charity in Truth: Pope Benedict's Call to Practice Integral Human Development," at the Portsmouth Institute, Portsmouth, R.I. [Mikulich]
- June 9-14, 2013—Co-Facilitated Cycle One of *Ministry of Management Seminar* sponsored on the Loyola campus by the New Orleans Jesuit Province. Conducted presentations on Ignatian leadership and leadership spirituality. [Kammer]

#### CATHOLIC DIALOGUES ON IMMIGRATION

JSRI is leading an effort to engage local Catholics in parish-based dialogs on immigration where participants, both Anglo and immigrant, reflect on their own experiences and values regarding immigration and are asked to listen respective fully to others' experiences and perspectives. The purpose of the Catholic Dialog on Immigration Project, in conjunction with Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities New Orleans, is to increase understanding and awareness on immigration, especially unauthorized immigration, among Catholics—with a focus on involving U.S. born Catholics with little knowledge of the Church's teachings on migration and foreign-born Catholics willing to share their immigration experiences. A key component of the Catholic Dialog on Immigration model is a presentation of the Church's key values on immigration (drawn from Strangers No Longer) and a discussion on participants' reactions to those teachings.

For our third dialog, we chose one of the largest and most conservative parishes in the area, St. Clement of Rome, a church that also has a substantial Latino membership. We were pleased with the turn-out on Saturday, October 6, 2012. A total of thirty-eight participants, almost all from the parish, and ten facilitators were present. This was the first time we encountered substantial negative views on immigration. However, the dialog process allowed everyone to be heard and facilitators got the sense that participants with hardened views had a better understanding of why people come to the U.S. without documents after actually encountering such individuals at their tables. Every participant but one said it was a valuable event. (One person said yes and no.) As in the two prior dialogs, participants seemed surprised if not shocked that the Catholic Church has taken such a prophetic stance on the dignity and rights of immigrants.

The archdiocesan newspaper, *The Clarion Herald*, published an article with photos about the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> dialog that captured the spirit and intent of the dialog. Hopefully such coverage will spur interest among local pastors and educate readers on the Church's teachings on immigration.

The Fourth Catholic Dialog on Immigration was held at St. Ann's Church in Metairie on May 1, 2013. Forty-two persons participated, including six Loyola students. The evaluations of the first four dialogues are posted to the JSRI Intranet.

## NEW INITIATIVE: FUNDING FOR STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH GRANTS

JSRI, assisted by Institutional Advancement, proposed to the Keller Family Foundation the funding of a project to promote student research focused on the issues of race, poverty, and/or migration in New Orleans and Louisiana. We received formal approval of the \$11,000 grant for four student research projects in early May, 2013—too late to initiate the program for summer 2013 research. The grant process will be deferred to the summer of 2014.

#### ADVOCACY

At their meeting in November, 2012, the JSRI Advisory Board approved the following legislative advocacy agenda for the following twelve months:

#### Migration:

#### Opposition to state anti-immigrant legislation: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama

The situations in the three states are somewhat different: in LOUISIANA we would continue working with the LCCB to oppose any such legislation (none was introduced last year); in MISSISSIPPI we will continue to support the two dioceses in their opposition to certain re-introduction of a bill similar to that which failed last year; and in ALABAMA we will continue to work with groups trying to get a full or partial repeal of their 2011 law, worsened in the 2012 session.

#### Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Federal

Both presidential candidates have indicated that they would move forward with comprehensive reform. We would work with Catholic advocates and others to support good provisions and oppose bad provisions.

#### H-2B questworker regulations: Federal

We would work with other advocates to support funding for the new guestworker regulations issued by the Administration, but stalled in the courts and Congress.

#### Race:

#### Payday loans: Louisiana

We will continue leadership, together with the LCCB, in the effort to introduce positive legislation restricting the interest rates and other provisions on payday loans.

# Death penalty: Louisiana and Alabama

In LOUISIANA, we will continue to work with LCCB and the two state coalitions to educate Louisiana folks about and eventually introduce legislation restricting and/or eliminating the death penalty. In Alabama we will support any such efforts.

#### Poverty:

#### Medicaid Expansion: Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama [Texas? Florida?]

In Louisiana, we have begun working with the LCCB to get the bishops to support the full Medicaid expansion made possible in the Affordable Care Act. In Mississippi, the two dioceses have chosen this as one of two issues for the 2013 *Catholic Day at the Capitol;* we will be assisting with this effort and other work in support of the expansion. In Alabama, we will explore joining any efforts to expand. We will also inquire of the Catholic Conferences in Florida and Texas what action they will be pursuing in this regard.

Subsequently, the work of the staff and associates focused primarily on the above issues, with the specific strategies and initiatives indicated below:

# **Migration:**

# Opposition to state anti-immigrant legislation: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama

JSRI Activities: Again, no anti-immigrant bill moved in LOUISIANA. In August 2012, Dr. Weishar and Fr. Kammer worked closely with the Diocese of Jackson, MISSISSIPPI to prepare testimonies for diocesan speakers at the House Judiciary B Committee hearing on "illegal immigration" held on August 23rd. Speakers whom we assisted received extensive coverage in the MS media. Anti-immigrant legislation did not pass in the 2013 session. In Alabama, despite efforts of Fr. Arroyo and other advocates to change the law, the 2012 legislature had made the law worse. In the August, 2012, JustSouth E-Newsletter, Dr. Sue Weishar wrote A Legacy of "Cussedness" about the Alabama statute. Subsequently, the courts struck down most of the provisions of the law, and the legislature finally rescinded the leftovers.

## Comprehensive Immigration Reform [CIR]: Federal

#### JSRI Activities [Dr. Weishar]:

- Wrote a letter to the editor urging Congress to get back to work and pass immigration reform. Houma-Thibodeaux Town Courier, New Orleans Business Weekly, and The Advocate called in mid-October to inform me they were planning to publish it.
- Organized February 21 meeting of Catholic Advocates (Nick Albares, Josh Daly, The Tejedas—IRCA beneficiaries) at the Metairie Office of Sen. David Vitter. Had provided Josh with the postcards that students used to obtain signatures of 90 students in favor of CIR that were presented at the meeting.
- Assisted three nonprofits in southern Mississippi in preparations for a faith/business luncheon on CIR held April 10 at Seashore Mission in Biloxi.
- Interviewed for Times Picayune Podcast late April. New Orleans Times-Picayune reporter for their website podcast on why JSRI supports the S 744.
- Arranged June 4th meeting with Charles Henry, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Steve Scalise. I brought two families of undocumented immigrants to meet with Mr. Henry, who is a Loyola alumnus, and provided Mr. Henry with information on why S. 744 would help resolve our nation's immigration crisis.
- Planned June 5th Prayer Service for Immigration Reform. Worked with Catholic Charities in helping to organize this event at Notre Dame Seminary that was led by Archbishop Aymond. I identified the five immigrants who told their stories and helped them prepare their remarks. Media coverage: local ABC TV affiliate, Clarion Herald, and local Catholic TV.
- June 6th Nuns on the Bus for Immigration Reform: Helped NETWORK make local arrangements for this well-attended event. Spoke at event about work of JSRI. Media: N.O. Times-Picayune and Clarion Herald.
- Letter to the Editor from Jennifer Molina: "U.S. must have immigration reform." Published June 22, 2012 in *The Advocate*. I interviewed Jennifer about her story and prepared this letter for her to send in.
- Letter to the Editor from Maribel and Salvador Tejeda: "Vitter should help immigrants." Published June 25, 2012 in *The Advocate*. I interviewed the Tejedas about their story and prepared this letter for them to send in.
- Through numerous emails I encouraged local Catholic advocates to speak at Congressman Steve Scalise's Town Halls in late June

 OP-Ed from Fr. Kevin Wildes, S.J., President, Loyola University New Orleans: "Immigration reform would benefit families." Published July 12, 2013 in the New Orleans Times Picayune. I co-drafted this letter.

Other Immigration Advocacy:

H-2B guestworker regulations: Federal

JSRI Activity: Dr. Weishar wrote an article in the Winter 2012 JustSouth Quarterly on this topic, namely how reform was thwarted. Reform is contained in the now-stalled-in-the-House CIR bill passed by the U.S. Senate.

Café con Inglés is a project of Dr. Weishar on Sunday morning at St. Anthony Parish which engages Loyola students and others in dialogue with undocumented immigrants to teach English as a Second Language and to share life experiences. Out of this engagement of ten Loyola students in FY13 have come two helpful developments: volunteers from among the students to assist with the Catholic Dialogues on Immigration and a student advocacy group Loyola Students for Immigration Reform.

#### Race:

#### Payday loans: Louisiana

JSRI Activity [Dr. Mikulich]: In the fall of 2012, LA for Fair Lending secured assistance from the Center from Responsible Lending in producing draft legislation on payday. Also had to resolve questions with the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops on the timing of legislation—whether to attempt passage in 2013 or 2014 session (resolved to do 2014). LA for Fair Lending initiated a relationship with Together Louisiana, the statewide organization of the industrial Areas Foundation. As Director of LA for Fair Lending, Dr. Mikulich collaborated with leaders of community organizations sponsored by the IAF in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Alexandria, and Shreveport to plan and "train the trainers." Approximately 80 community organizers attended the training on March 23, 2013. The training served two primary goals: 1) to prepare LA citizens to support our 2014 legislative goal of capping the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) at 36%; and 2) to recruit payday borrowers who will testify during the 2014 legislative session. In addition to this collaborative organizing project, LA for Fair Lending has developed a media strategy and formalized (more) its steering committee, consensus decision-making process, and membership development. Dr. Mikulich also met with leaders of Liberty Bank and 100 Black Men to explore ways we might collaborate.

#### Death penalty: Louisiana

JSRI Activity—Louisiana: The Louisiana Catholics Committed to Repeal of the Death Penalty (LCCRDP) began meeting in January, 2010 with the support of New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond and all of the Catholic bishops of Louisiana. Besides Dr. Mikulich of JSRI, Leadership of the LCCRDP consists of representatives of the Office of Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of New Orleans; Campaign for Human Development, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux; Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops; Louisiana Right to Life Federation; Jesuit Province of New Orleans; Congregation of the Mission (Midwest Province); and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Dr. Mikulich also works closely with the executive director of Louisiana for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, with whom he authored a white paper on the death penalty in Louisiana published in March, 2012. The coalitions continued to work to raise awareness about the death penalty and to do advocacy concerning individuals facing execution in Louisiana, including:

- Co-sponsored and arranged for Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking*, to speak on the death penalty—January 22, 2013—hundreds attended on the Loyola campus.
- March 7, 2013—Dr. Mikulich delivered annual Benedictine Lecture "Ethical Issues and the Death Penalty" at Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota.
- <u>Ash Wednesday Execution: Executing a Life and Human Dignity</u>—Mikulich [January 2013 *JustSouth E-Newsletter*
- Execution Halted: Time to End the Death Penalty—Mikulich [March 2013 JustSouth E-Newsletter]

#### **Poverty:**

# Medicaid Expansion: Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama

JSRI Activity: General: two educational endeavors:

- <u>Health Care Reform for Some: Governors play politics with health of low-income citizens</u> Kammer [August, 2012 *JustSouth E-Newsletter*.
- Their Stake in Medicaid Expansion: State Medicaid Decisions Impact People of Color—Kammer [April 2013 JustSouth E-Newsletter.

## JSRI Activity: In Louisiana:

- In December and January, Fr. Kammer urged Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops to come out publicly on Medicaid expansion, which they did by letter to the Governor and formal statement on May 2, 2013, after meeting earlier, first with staff and then with the Governor.
- During the spring, Fr. Kammer drafted a letter in consultation with Dr. Elmore Rigamer of Catholic Charities, the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, and others and co-recruited 16 prominent New Orleans Catholics as "Catholics Concerned for Louisiana's Health" (including Loyola's president) to urge Governor Jindal to accept Medicaid expansion funding, April 15, 2013.
- In June, 2013, Fr. Kammer agreed to join a newly forming statewide Catholic advocacy group to advocate for Medicaid expansion after the legislature's failure to act on the expansion over-against the Governor's persistent opposition.

# Special Institutional Advocacy: Social Responsible Investment Activity with the Largest Two Private Prison Companies in the United States:

# • PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This is a joint project between JSRI and the Jesuits of the New Orleans Province, who have purchased stock in the two largest private prison corporations in the U.S.—Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) and The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). In collaboration with ten other religious investors, we have requested that CCA and GEO review their policies and practices related to human rights to assess where additional protections need to be adopted. We want the companies to conduct risk assessments to determine the potential for human rights abuses in their prisons and immigrant detention centers, to address any shortcomings with adequate resources, to develop procedures to integrate human rights policies throughout the company, and to monitor and report on their performance as it relates to human rights.

The Jesuit Social Research Institute and its partners are breaking new ground in filing shareholder actions against private prison corporations. Most work on corporate responsibility for human rights has been done in an international context where legal frameworks are weak. Often such efforts focus on environmental or community impacts. The experience that Jesuit-affiliated shareholders have gained from interactions with other corporations on the intersection of human rights and company policies provides us with much hope that this innovative approach will lead to substantive changes in the business cultures of CCA and GEO, to the great

benefit of the tens of thousands of persons incarcerated or detained in CCA and GEO facilities every year. Progress in the 2012-13 year:

- 1. In late October, 2012, JSRI organized a multi-day training on prison reform for a dozen members of the investor group here on the Loyola campus, assisted by faculty of the Criminal Justice Department and the College of Law.
- 2. In December 2012, JSRI with other investors toured a CCA prison facility in Nashville and participated in a dialogue with CCA focused specifically on their staff training methodologies and our petition for them to adopt a verifiable human rights policy.
- 3. Jesuits of the California Province took over from the New Orleans Province as the lead filers on the GEO engagement, but Dr. Weishar and Ms. Baudouin continue to attend dialogues, the first of which was held on December 13, 2012 between a group of shareholders and key company officials, including the CEO and four vice-presidents. The company produced a draft of a human rights policy and asked for input from shareholders.
- 4. At GEO's annual shareholder meeting in May 2013, George Williams, SJ, read a statement congratulating the company for adopting a human rights policy and pledging the commitment of our shareholders' coalition to continue to engage GEO twice each year to address human rights training, compliance, monitoring and impact assessment. Sue Weishar attended that meeting as well.
- 5. Mary Baudouin and Sue Weishar attended the annual meeting of the company in May 2013, and Ms. Baudouin made a statement that focused on our responses to the company's new statement on "Protecting Inmate and Detainee Rights". This statement was reviewed both by our legal consultant and Loyola's Law School Center for Social Justice. Mary and Sue met with CCA staff after the annual meeting and were told that this initial statement is not meant to be their official human rights policy
- 6. In July 2013, JSRI convened a small working group that included two prison experts, Fr. George Williams, SJ, a prison chaplain at San Quentin, Mark Potter of the Jesuits of the California Province, Mary Baudouin, Sue Weishar, and Keith Vernon, the Jesuit Conference consultant for Investment Responsibility. The primary goal of the convening was to engage the experts to develop a strategic approach to our ongoing shareholder engagements with CCA and GEO regarding human rights policy development, implementation, and impact assessment and ongoing monitoring. The meeting produced two resources that will be especially helpful in future dialogues: 1) A set of benchmarks to use to determine progress being made by the companies toward implementation of their human rights policies; and 2) a set of very specific questions regarding different aspects of the GEO human rights policy to use in future dialogues with GEO.

#### 3.2 Goals for 2013-14:

- Continue research, education, and advocacy on a range of topics under the headings of race, poverty, and migration.
- In advocacy, more specifically:
  - o Bring work of Louisiana for Responsible Lending hopefully to fruition in introduction of affirmative legislation in Louisiana to limit payday lending in the state.
  - o Ramp up immigration advocacy focused on the members of the U.S. House of Representatives in light of Senate passage of a comprehensive immigration reform bill in summer 2013.
  - o Move private prison corporations to adopt human rights standards, the first step in our multi-year shareholder advocacy project.
- Increase emphasis on economic policy and poverty. In 2012-13, wrote major grant proposal to Kellogg Foundation in light of its new heavy investment in New Orleans and Mississippi to hire an economic policy analyst to deepen economic analysis and publication on family economic security, specifically to

support work on payday lending, immigration, Medicaid expansion, state and local taxation, and JustSouth Indicators project. If funded, move forward with this work.

- Increase board diversity by recruiting 6 new members.
- Promote among Loyola students social justice learning and research skills focused on JSRI issue areas in New Orleans and Louisiana, as funded by the Keller Family Foundation.
- Continue refinement of the matrix for the JustSouth Indicators Project.
- Revise *JustSouth E-Newsletter* to reflect analysis of statistics on reader interest areas and IT input on format and frequency.

## 3.2 Logic model

JSRI Logic M	Model	
Goal	Improving the social and economic conditions in the Gulf South with a particular focus on the issues of race, poverty, and migration through the lens of Catholic Social Thought.	
Objectives	Decision-makers, faith communities, and the general public make decisions consistent with improving justice throughout the South.	
Outcomes	Findings and recommendations are received and understood by relevant decision-makers, faith communities and the general public.  Just policies and legislation gain traction; unjust policies and legislation face public challenge.	
Activities (general)	Conduct research on justice issues.  Disseminate findings and actionable recommendations in multiple ways for multiple audiences.  Advocate for just policies, governmental and non-governmental in collaboration with others.	
Activities (specific)	Research and Education	

# 3.3 Loyola University Community Engagement Objectives

One of the primary ways in which JSRI engages the community is through an array of organizational coalitions, some formed and led by JSRI (e.g. LA for Responsible Lending) that include the following organizations:

<u>Payday</u>: LA for Responsible Lending; AARP Of LA; United Way of Southeast Louisiana; Resources Benefiting Families of Fire Ministries; Helen Godfrey Smith (Shreveport Federal Credit Union); Habitat For Humanity St Tammany West; Louisiana Budget Project; *Puentes* New Orleans; Louisiana Association Of Nonprofits and Louisiana Fair Housing Alliance. Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops (LCCB); and LSU School of Social Work have been deeply involved but cannot formally join any coalition. Together Baton Rouge is also an informal partner. Center for Responsible Lending Legislative Director Uriah King assisted in drafting the APR cap legislation.

<u>Death Penalty</u>: we work thru two primary coalitions: Louisiana Catholics Committed to Repeal the Death Penalty and Louisiana for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Key players include: The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops;; the New Orleans Jesuit Province; the national Catholic Mobilizing Network; the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; and the Capital Post-Conviction Project of Louisiana.

<u>Medicaid Expansion</u>: Catholic Charities of New Orleans; the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops; the Life and Justice Committee of the LCCB; the Louisiana Interchurch Conference; Together Baton Rouge; Together Louisiana.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform [and opposing anti-immigrant legislation]: the USCCB Justice for Immigrants Campaign; Catholic Charities Justice and Peace Office; the Archdiocesan Office of Racial Harmony; *Puentes*; The New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice (i.e. *Congreso* of Day Laborers; Women United for Justice; and National Guestworker Alliance); St. Anthony Catholic Church (Caffé con Ingles); Catholic Charities Justice for Immigrants Committee; and Interfaith Worker Justice New Orleans; Leadership Conference of Women Religious; NETWORK; *El Pueblo*/Seashore Mission of the Methodist Church; Migration and Refugee Services of the Diocese of Biloxi; Moving Forward Gulf Coast; Steps Coalition of Biloxi; and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Jackson.

Private Prison Human Rights: Eight U.S. Jesuit Provinces; Two Canadian Jesuit Provinces; United Methodist Church Foundation; Evangelical Lutheran Church; Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the U.S. Jesuit Conference; Sisters of Mercy; Dominican Sisters of Hope; Congregation of St. Joseph; Mercy Investment Services; General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church; Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment; American Baptist Home Mission Society; Catholic Health East; Congregation of Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word; Loyola University Chicago; Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate; Midwest Capuchins; Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary; and Socially Responsible Investment Coalition.

JSRI contributes primarily to the following 5 university-wide community engagement objectives:

# **Loyola University Community Engagement Objectives**

#### **Students**

Students have an introductory familiarity with social justice and can identify injustice. Students are prepared to begin examining the consequences of their own choices on the well-being of others.

Students have a more sophisticated understanding of social justice; with the ability to identify root causes of injustice and recognize effective methods for preventing and responding to injustice. Students have explored the boundaries of their empowerment in shaping social conditions.

Loyola graduates uphold the principles of dignity; equality; and solidarity as they navigate the complex path to a more just world; including an advanced understanding of social justice; and the ability and commitment to contribute to social justice in their personal; professional; and spiritual lives.

# **Community**

Community looks to Loyola to provide effective and useful services to alleviate persistent community needs.

Sustainable campus-community partnerships help build the community's capacity to address injustice and meet its own needs. Increase in the pool of community members advocating a more just world.

Systems affecting; and social norms surrounding; social justice and injustice are improved.

#### Institution

Loyola's community engagement policies and procedures reflect its Jesuit values.

Loyola's strategic priorities embody the commitment to community engagement in its mission

Loyola is a model Jesuit university; having earned distinction as an anchor institution "with and for" the community.

<u>Section 4: Budget for Current Academic Year</u> – 2012-13—Actual

Salaries budget: \$313,063

Operating Budget: \$340,925 [all expenses]

Surplus: \$61,779 [including designated foundation funds for following years]

Revenue sources and amounts:

Jesuit Province Endowment \$134,180

Loyola – Endowment	\$140,000
Foundation for Louisiana	\$1
Langeloth Foundation	\$52,491
Dean of College of Social Science	\$500
Foundation of the Mid-South grant	\$15,289
Stipends	\$14,110
Gifts	\$26,695
Total	\$402,704

The Jesuit Province and Loyola University each committed in 2006 to donate \$150,000 annually for the establishment of the endowment. After the market collapsed in 2008; both dropped to lower donations and have steadily risen back toward the original commitment. The budget, with active fundraising, meets basic staffing configuration of three fellows (including the director) and an administrative assistant. Special funding is needed for many projects and significant funding would be needed to add staff—which really is needed to provide even minimal outreach to all five states.

## In-kind resources provided by Loyola:

Space and utilities for offices and conferences. Publications and IT offer expertise and technical support with the *quarterly* and *e-news* format. Opportunity to hire and funding for work study students.

# Section 5: Assessment Report / Program Outcomes –

Assessment within JSRI is conducted in a variety of ways. Some *events* are assessed using feedback forms with participants. For example, written evaluation forms were distributed to the audience at the Brian Massingale lecture in September, 2012 and at the Trafficking Conference in October, 2012. These are collected by staff, studied by them, and used in planning JSRI activities. One learning from these is a current preference by JSRI staff in favor of single-event speakers as in the case of Fr. Massingale and Sister Prejean rather than more complex multi-event conferences—due to financial and staff-time costs/constraints and number of participants. [An exception this year was the human trafficking conference organized in response to the Superbowl in New Orleans and the interest of other advocates in participating in the planning.}

Participants at the Catholic Dialogues on Immigration submit written evaluations of the sessions, which are studied by the presenters in planning for the next dialogue.

Progress on our *research projects* is assessed by the Board of Advisors of JSRI, which meets twice a year. *Project proposals* are submitted to the twelve-member board in writing and written *project updates* are presented by the fellows at every board meeting to solicit ongoing board input and advice. The board members also evaluate each of their meetings in writing. Participants in the responsible shareholder dialogues with private prison management evaluate the dialogues after each session in person or by conference call. Death penalty and payday coalitions are engaged in ongoing evaluation and action planning as their work progresses.

Monthly *staff meetings* also contain regular assessment pieces regarding the work of the fellows, and institute events are discussed regularly by the members at a three-hour monthly meeting.

Periodic accountability reporting on the progress of implementing the strategic plan takes place at staff meetings using a "person responsible" and "target dates" written format for the entire plan. Partial or complete reviews of the same worksheet are built into most of the semi-annual meetings of the Advisory Board. The due dates are adjusted at times, new tactics added, and some planned tactics discarded after further experience.

Assessment of our *JustSouth E-newsletter* includes a review at periodic staff meetings of the number of recipients who open the newsletter, click through it, and what items they review—information available from *MyEmma*. We also compare the responses over time, looking at the number of persons in each category—students, faculty-staff, and the wider community—who open and click through the e-news. See attached statistical reports for the months of January, March, and July, 2013 *E-Newsletters*. Each is divided into four sub-groups: JSRI external list, Loyola faculty, Loyola staff, and Loyola students.

We have also received reports from the web-team through Google on the number of "hits" on our *website* and on various pages. These are attached as "Website Analytics" for the months of December, 2012 and January, February, March, May, and June of 2013. They are reviewed by the JSRI Director upon receipt and shared with staff as appropriate at staff meetings.

*Regular evaluation* of the overall work of JSRI also takes place in the annual performance appraisals of the director and fellows, as well as in six-month interviews by the director with the fellows.

Reports to funders are also another way in which JSRI assesses its work—our interim 2012-13 report was submitted on-line to the Langeloth Foundation in February, 2013 on our private prison human rights project, including an updated "impacts" section in the Langeloth logic model format. The report is attached on the JSRI Intranet.

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

#### Research

General: The institute conducts, gathers, and publishes research on social and economic conditions of the poor, migrant, and ethnic communities in the Gulf South, including factors affecting the movement of migrants and immigrants into and across the region. This research is focused through the lens of Catholic social thought and core Jesuit values—the service of faith, promotion of justice, dialogue with world religions and cultures.

Current action-research projects: Current action-research projects, described above, focus on: payday loans in Louisiana; the death penalty in Louisiana; responding to state anti-immigrant legislation in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama; and a responsible shareholder initiative to have the two largest private prison corporations in the United States adopt and implement Human Rights policies and practices to better protect the persons in their custody.

Key Performance Indicator No. 1: Staff will report semi-annually to the JSRI Advisory Board on the progress of its work on the ongoing action-research projects, soliciting from the board members questions and recommendations regarding the projects. Particular assessment: In FY13, this took place at two-day Advisory Board meetings in November 2012 [with specific review of the following projects: Catholic dialogues on immigration, payday lending, Shareholder advocacy] and April, 2013 [specific reviews included: Catholic dialogues, immigration reform, payday lending, shareholder advocacy, and social indicators]. Staff will continue to rely on the Advisory Board to screen new proposals and evaluate and advisr on ongoing projects.

See also Indicators No. 2 and 3, below, for indicators applying to both research and education.

#### **Education**

General: Institute staff and collaborators disseminate this research and analysis and education on Institute core issues and Catholic Social Teaching through a variety of means.

Key Performance Indicator No. 2: Staff will publish four issues of the JustSouth Quarterly addressing issues of race, poverty, and migration, especially in the Gulf South and work to increase the recipients by actively soliciting readers at various events, talks, dialogues, and meetings who are interested in our work. Particular assessment: In FY13, the number of recipients of the mailed quarterly increased from 1335 at the end of FY12 to 1541 in the fall of 2013, in addition to those distributed on campus or by hand. Staff will continue to solicit new readers for our publications, while also using social media and our website for educational purposes.

Key Performance Indicator No. 3: Staff will publish five-seven issues of the JustSouth E-newsletter addressing the core issues of race, poverty, and migration and including links to key studies by other organizations and governmental bodies on its core issues and on Katrina recovery and other issues pertinent to the New Orleans area. Particular assessment: In FY13, JSRI published seven issues of the e-news. In FY14, staff will undertake a further review to consider re-formatting our e-news.

## **Advocacy**

General: JSRI staff, collaborators, and stakeholders engage in advocacy on social and economic issues through providing testimony to legislative bodies, meeting with legislators and staff members of the region, and conducting public events such as hearings and press conferences. JSRI offers assistance to other advocates by providing background research for testimony and undertaking campaigns promoting values such as the common good and the preferential option for the poor, and by integrating public ethics into the fostering of public policy.

Key Performance Indicator No. 4: The JustSouth Quarterly and JustSouth E-newsletter will include a focus on current legislative and administrative issues and initiatives dealing with poverty, race, and migration in the region, the nation, and in sending countries. Particular assessment: In FY13, the JustSouth Quarterly and the JustSouth E-newsletter continued to focus on advocacy issues in the region and nationally; issues can be reviewed on the JSRI website under "publications" at <a href="http://www.loyno.edu/jsri/publications">http://www.loyno.edu/jsri/publications</a> Staff will continue to use our educational vehicles as support for our advocacy projects.

Key Performance Indicator No. 5: JSRI staff and associates will work actively with Catholic and other advocates this year to oppose state anti-immigration initiatives. Particular assessment: In FY13, JSRI staff and associates worked with several advocates in Mississippi to prepare testimony for a special legislative hearing on immigration in August, 2012—the testimony which we assisted received wide media coverage. Subsequently, no negative anti-immigrant legislation moved in the 2013 legislative session. Staff will continue work in this area, but shift more attention in FY14 to the passage of comprehensive immigration reform.

Key Performance Indicator No. 6: JSRI staff will continue advocacy coalition-building in preparation for legislative initiatives in Louisiana in regard to payday predatory lending and capital punishment. Particular assessment: In FY13, the Louisiana for Responsible Lending coalition building efforts continued, including preparation of legislation to be proposed in the 2014 session and the recruitment of sponsors in the House and Senate. This effort is now ready to move into the Louisiana legislative in a coordinated endeavor to pass new legislation in 2014.

Key Performance Indicator No. 7: JSRI staff and associates will continue advocacy work in support of a responsible investor coalition working to improve human rights in private prison corporations. Particular assessment: In FY13, JSRI and the New Orleans Province persuaded the National Jesuit Advisory Committee on Investment Responsibility to take on the GEO shareholder project as a national concern. This meant all U.S. and Canadian Provinces purchased GEO stock and brought in the substantial staff resources of the California Province to coordinate work with GEO. Work with Corrections Corporation of America has included two formal dialogues and presentations at the CCA shareholders annual meeting. With regard to GEO, by spring of 2013, the corporation had adopted a formal human rights statement which, while not as strong as we desired, was the first major step in a multi-year project. CCA dialogues moved more slowly, but have seemed to promise the development of a formal human rights statement within months. With likely adoption of policies by both companies, the efforts of the coalition will focus on implementation, training of prison personnel, and eventually reporting to shareholders on an annual basis.

#### **Organizational Mission and Advancement**

General: As a young organization now only completing its fifth year, JSRI needs to develop further its planning function and to increase financial support for the organization and its projects.

Key Performance Indicator No. 8: JSRI will work with Loyola's Institutional Advancement staff to develop and submit funding proposals for both the general support of the organization and specific action-research projects. Particular assessment: In FY13, JSRI successfully achieved the following by working with Institutional Advancement:

- 1. a \$11,000 grant from the Keller Family Foundation for student summer social research projects;
- 2. a first gift of \$20,000 from an individual in Louisiana who has indicated an interest in making a total gift of \$50,000 to JSRI over three years;
- 3. successfully completed its progress report for the first year of the shareholder private prison advocacy project and was awarded the second year of funding for \$152,000 from the Langeloth Foundation of New York; and
- 4. staff completed a William K. Kellogg Foundation major project proposal—after successfully completing the preliminary proposal—for \$200,000 for its economic security for families project.

Staff will continue efforts to identity and solicit good prospects and, if the major foundation proposal is granted, to implement the new project.

<u>Section 6: Summary of Achievements</u> – Some highlights of the past year include:

- A broad range of educational presentations on race, poverty, and migration in the light of Catholic Social Thought, including:
  - o Preventing Human Trafficking at the Super Bowl and Beyond: Mobilizing the New Orleans Community to Prevent and End Trafficking in Our Midst Conference at Loyola 10/24-27/12; as well as addresses by Fr. Bryan Massingale on Race, Poverty, and Election 2012 and Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, on the Death Penalty.
  - 12 on-campus educational presentations by JSRI fellows and 27 off-campus presentations, including talks in Houston, St. Paul (MN), Washington DC, Jackson, Philadelphia, Arlington, Yankton (SD), Baton Rouge, and Portsmouth (RI).
  - o Four editions of the *JustSouth Ouarterly*.

- Seven issues of the *JustSouth E-Newsletter*.
- Payday coalition matured and prepared for an affirmative effort in the 2014 Louisiana Legislature.
- Shareholder advocacy coalition work leads to adoption of human rights policies by private prison corporation The GEO Group and is near with Corrections Corporation of America.
- Over \$180,000 in new funding for student research, general support, and shareholder private prison advocacy, as well as completion of a new major foundation proposal on economic security for vulnerable children and families.
- Loyola community service: Service Learning provider meetings [Weishar]; Human Trafficking Working Group [Weishar]; Community Engagement Service Learning Grants committee [Weishar]; Ignatius Chapel Presiders' group [Kammer]; Loyola University Corporate Members [Kammer].

# Section 7: Supporting Documents -

The following documents have been uploaded into the JSRI Intranet as Attachments: 3 conference evaluations; 4 dialogues on immigration; 5 statistical reports on the *JustSouth E-News* from FY13; and 6 website analytics from FY13.

Fred Kammer, SJ, Director Jesuit Social Research Institute

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