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**From the
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Greetings,

February 2011



How good it is to
center down!
To sit quietly
and see one's self
pass by!
The streets of our
minds seethe with
endless traffic;
our spirits resound
with clashings,
with noisy silences,
while something
deep within
hungers and thirsts
for the still moment
and the resting lull.

- Howard Thurman

A Reflection on...Reflection!

Finally the bustle of the holidays are over and decorations have been put away. There is something quieter about the month of February. Snow has a certain silence to it. Less people are out and about. And there is something quieting about the flames of a warm fire. What a great gift--to heed the quiet, sit, listen, and experience that still moment.

Ignatian volunteers, dedicated as they are, work in all sorts of weather. The people they serve are often the most impacted by the bitter cold this time of year. So they serve. But it's the reflection that happens in the quiet that feeds them and keeps them going. One volunteer shared the following from her journal:

As I reflect upon my experience over the course of

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this year, I think I have the beginnings of understanding "Why I am here?"

I go to be. To be present to the lost, the forgotten, the lonely, the sick, the rejected, the hated the despised; those who, like all of us, are loved and cared for by Christ. Even in my human imperfections, my presence to be among them says "I care."

IVC Special Event

IVC San Diego 2011 Della Strada Award honoring Msgr Donal Sheahan, February 27, 2011.

IVC San Diego is very pleased to announce that we will be honoring Msgr. Donal Sheahan, pastor of Our Mother of Confidence Parish, with our 2011 Della Strada Award, on Sunday, February 27, 2011, at St. Catherine Laboure Parish Hall, 4124 Mount Abraham Avenue, San Diego, from 2 PM - 5 PM.

The Della Strada Award is named after Santa Maria della Strada, the first church used by St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits to serve the urban poor in the center of Rome. The award honors an individual or an organization whose life and/or mission reflects the Ignatian values of service to the poor, and of working and educating for a more just society.



By honoring Msgr. Sheahan, we also want to raise awareness of the importance of priesthood and men who dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please mark your calendar so that you can plan on joining us for this very special event. Or print out our [Save the Date flyer](#).

More Upcoming Events

IVC Omaha is hosting a Morning of Reflection with Jesuit Fathers Larry Gillick & Greg Carlson on March 26, 2011 from 8:45-12pm. Please see the website for more details and to register.

The IVC New York Regional Council will host the 4th Annual Della Strada Award Reception on Thursday

April 7th, 2011 at Regis High School in New York City. This year's award recipients are Ignatian Volunteer Barbara Lee & Fr. Mark Hallinan, SJ. Currently our longest serving Ignatian Volunteer, Barbara has been a member of the NYC IVC chapter for ten years, serving as an ESL teacher at Cabrini Immigrant Services. Father Hallinan, SJ is the assistant to the NY Jesuit Provincial for Social Ministry, pastoral associate and a long- time member of the IVC leadership team both locally and nationally. We celebrate Barbara and Fr. Mark's service to others in the Jesuit tradition as IVC marks its 15th Anniversary year! Visit www.ivcusa.org for more details

IVC DC/Metro Maryland & IVC Northern Virginia will celebrate our 5th Annual Evening of Gratitude on May 15, 2011 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Washington, DC. We will honor Fr. Tuck Grinnell with the Della Strada Award and former Northern Virginia Regional Director, Jim Kelley, with the Founders Award. Visit www.ivcusa.org for more details

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