In 2014, Ignatian Heritage Month commemorated the University’s Jesuit traditions in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the UCA Martyrs of El Salvador. The key event focused on remembering the martyrs and moving forward in light of their commitment to justice and peace.

In addition, the Quinlan School of Business, the School of Communication, the Stritch School of Medicine, the School of Education, the Institute of Pastoral Studies, the Law School, and the College of Arts and Sciences were invited to host initiatives highlighting the University’s Jesuit and Ignatian values. A brief summary of the events and initiatives that took place during Ignatian Heritage Month follows:

**SALVADORAN MARTYRS EVENTS**

The keynote event was the conferral of an honorary degree to Father Sobrino followed by his address, “A Community of Blood: Jesuits, University Professors, and Worker Martyrs.” In addition, Father Sobrino celebrated a memorial Liturgy alongside Dan Hartnett, S.J.

Fr. Sobrino also responded to an Academic Roundtable Discussion entitled, “Memory and Hope: The Salvadoran Martyrs, Prophetic Witness, and the Future of Jesuit Higher Education.” Panelists included Dan Hartnett, S.J., Cecilia Gonzales-Andrieu, PhD, and Robert Lassalle-Klein, PhD. The commemoration of the Salvadoran Martyr events was co-sponsored by Mission and Identity, the President’s Office, Campus Ministry, the Institute of Pastoral Studies, the John Cardinal Cody Chair in Theology, Carolyn Farrel, BVM, Professorship in Women and Leadership, the Department of Theology and the College of Arts and Sciences.

**QUINLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

The Quinlan School of Business concentrated its efforts in the realm of social media. Specifically, MARK 201 Principles of Marketing Writing Intensive students contributed to the Social Justice at Loyola blog. In conjunction with the blog post, students were encouraged to share their posts using individual Twitter accounts. Students were required to include #IHMLoyolaChicago to connect to the broader social media discussion. @LoyolaQuinlan and @SOC_Loyola also shared the blog posts through original tweets.

**SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION**

The School of Communication held the Ignatian Speech Debate, where students competed against each other to deliver the best speech on how Loyola lives out its Ignatian values. Ten students participated in the debate, while about 25 people attended. Learn more about the contest here.
The Stritch School of Medicine hosted a variety of events and initiatives promoting Loyola’s Jesuit identity. The Oak Park Jesuit Community hosted a Theology on Tap dinner for 25 students on the theme of service and justice. Scholastics began the conversation with reflections from their own experience and opened the conversation for other students to respond and share stories. Stritch medical students along with employees from the Health Sciences Campus participated in the IHM Book Club reading of *Tattoos on the Heart*, by author Greg Boyle. Students and staff gathered twice to discuss poignant stories and insights from the book. Overall 20 people participated.

Over 250 Stritch students participated in various events as part of Human Rights and Hunger Week, which urges awareness, education and action around various issues of injustice, especially in the field of medicine. Stritch Campus Ministry incorporated Ignatian highlight during Sunday masses, weekly postings on Facebook and visual reminders.

Finally, the Health Sciences Campus community came together to collect baskets of food to distribute to families in need in Maywood and the surrounding area. Four hundred and fifteen baskets were collected in the weeks before Thanksgiving, and IHM prayer cards were distributed to all who contributed.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Community Service and Action, in collaboration with Campus Ministry, hosted the 41st Annual Hunger Week, which focuses on education, advocacy and fundraising around issues of hunger. Signature events in 2014 included the Fast-a-thon and Breaking of the fast (300+ participants), the Hunger Banquet (70 participants), the Sustainable Food Fair, and Bust-it-for-Justice. Numerous campus and community partners collaborated with the student-led Hunger Week team to make the week’s events a success.

Campus Ministry’s First Year Companions hung 35 bulletin boards in first year residence halls to promote the events and mission of Ignatian Heritage Month. The Interfaith Advocates hosted “Seeking God(o)d Through All Art. Ten art submissions drew in over 50 students to admire and discuss their creations and inspirations. Campus Ministry also cohosted a Flash Seminar with University Libraries, entitled “The Jesuit Martyrs of El Salvador: 25 Years Later,” hosted by Kevin Flaherty, S.J. Sacramental Life coordinated the Martyr’s Mass, which drew 270 individuals to remember the 25th anniversary of the Salvadoran Martyrs.

At Water Tower Campus, Campus Ministry hosted Soup and Bread sales during Hunger Week, raising over $150. In addition, three Jesuits shared their story of vocation in a Jesuits on Tap event at the Water Tower Campus entitled “Finding God in All Things.”

Finally, sixteen students represented Loyola at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, a weekend long conference and advocacy experience where students learned about the Jesuit tradition of connecting faith and justice as well as the basics of a swath of social justice issues. Their experience culminated with the opportunity to advocate to their elected representatives on Capitol Hill.
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The libraries offered a browsing collection of 50 books on the historical, theological, and political context for the murders of the Salvadoran martyrs in 1989, as well as later reflection. The works included writings of Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J., and Jon Sobrino, S.J., works on the role of the church in El Salvador and Latin America, social activism, commitment to the poor, and other religious devoted to work in the region, especially the Maryknoll Sisters. These books were on display on the main floor of the Information Commons for browsing and check out from November 10th through 30th. The Lewis library also offered a browsing collection of 30 books on Saint Ignatius and Jesuit ideals of higher education.

The Libraries also hosted an event featuring Dr. Michael Schuck and the International Jesuit Ecology Project. Dr. Schuck discussed the project and its hope to create an online Living Textbook that addresses select environmental science challenges from an integrated scientific, moral, and spiritual perspective. The Information Commons hosted an event highlighting the documentary Faith that Does Justice with a correlated presentation and conversation facilitated by Fr. Kevin Flaherty. Finally, over 150 people attended the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Destruction of Hungarian Jewry.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education focused on developing a long term “Ignatian Culture” in the SOE, by having staff and faculty learn more about St. Ignatius, the Jesuits, and what it means to be a part of Jesuit Higher Education through an “Ignatian Orientation.” Each faculty and staff member received the IHM prayer card and button, as well as emails highlighting Ignatian heritage.

UNIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

This year, University Marketing and Communication generated awareness among faculty, staff, students, and external audiences of Ignatian Heritage Month, its mission and purpose, and accompanying events. The main focus was the address by Jon Sobrino, S.J., commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Salvadoran martyrs. The following communication channels and tactics were utilized: IHM canvas website and internal IHM pages; Homepage feature; Marketing materials including posters, buttons, and prayer cards; Inside Loyola; Rambler Buzz; Digital Screens; University Calendar; Special broadcast messages; University social media; AJCU e-newsletter and social media channels; pitch to local religious media; Loyola magazine. In addition, University Marketing and Communication co-sponsored the Ignatian Heritage Month photography contest.

INSTITUTE OF PASTORAL STUDIES

IPS worked alongside the Gannon Center to host “Women and Leadership: Church and World.” A video of the event can be found here.

Above: The winner of the 2014 Ignatian Heritage Month Photography Contest; photo by Sofia Gambini

Above: The runner-up of the 2014 Ignatian Heritage Month Photography Contest; photo by Michael Fasullo
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The College of Arts and Sciences offered numerous events, including the Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference. Over 100 people attended this two day event hosted by the Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage. A team of individuals from various departments also compiled the Ellacuria Tapes, translating and publicizing the tapes made during Ignacio Ellacuria’s visit to Loyola in 1986. A website was produced to share this and other resources about the martyrs, their lives and deaths with the Loyola Community. In conjunction with the Libraries, the CAS produced a Salvadoran Martyrs Display that was shown throughout the month in the Library.

LAW SCHOOL

The Law School community hosted a lunch-time lecture entitled, “St. Ignatius Loyola and Lawyers: For the Greater Glory of God or Self?” The speaker was Judge Thomas More Donnelly of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Judge Donnelly related aspects of the life and teachings of St. Ignatius and drew out lessons for lawyers in living out their vocation as lawyers. His talk drew upon the Autobiography of St. Ignatius, the Spiritual Exercises, and Jesuit biographies of the Saint. The event was well attended by 52 people and students in particular asked many thoughtful questions after the lecture. In addition, posters designed by the University to promote Ignatian Heritage Month were displayed throughout the law school.

EMPLOYEE BOOK CLUB

50 faculty and staff joined the Ignatian Heritage Book Club reading of Tattoos on the Heart, by Gregory Boyle, SJ. Each campus hosted two book club meetings to reflect on the themes and stories.

PRAYER CARDS, BUTTONS & POSTERS

In addition to the events hosted by individual Departments and Schools, a committee of students from various areas of academic study envisaged the theme for Ignatian Heritage Month 2015. Focusing on the Salvadoran martyrs, students came up with the theme “Live Radically.” They then chose a related prayer, image and quotes to share with the Loyola Community throughout the month. The prayer and image were used in the production of the “Live Radically” prayer card and button. The poignant quotes related to the theme were used in posters produced by University Marketing and Communications (See following page for images of artwork).
Prayer for Compassion

“Oh God, I wish from now on to be the first to become conscious of all that the world loves, pursues, and suffers; I want to be the first to seek, to sympathize and to suffer; the first to unfold and sacrifice myself, to become more widely human and more nobly of the earth than any of the world’s servants.”

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

Above and left: The “Live Radically” prayer card and button for Ignatian Heritage Month. The artwork features the image of “Wounded Angel,” a sculpture that is part of Loyola University’s memorial for the Salvadoran Martyrs.

Above: Poster for Salvadoran Martyrs commemorative events.