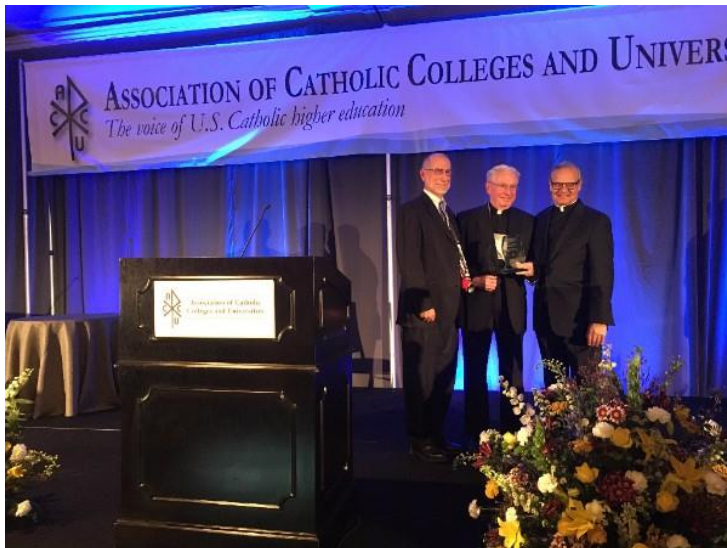


AJCU President Receives Hesburgh Award



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On Saturday, January 28th, Rev. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J. was named the recipient of the Hesburgh Award at an awards dinner during the annual meeting of the **Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU)** in Washington, D.C. Click [here](#) to learn more about this prestigious honor, awarded to leaders in Catholic higher education and named in honor of former University of Notre Dame President, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC.

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Updates on Jesuit Responses to President Trump's Executive Order on Immigration

In response to President Donald Trump's recent Executive Order, "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States," AJCU signed onto a letter from the American Council on Education to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Click [here](#) to read the letter online and here for coverage in [The Washington Post](#).

Over the past five days, Jesuit colleges and universities have issued [statements](#) on the Executive Order to their students, faculty, staff and local communities. In addition, campuses across the country have held Masses or prayer services for immigrants and refugees including [College of the Holy Cross](#), [Saint Joseph's University](#) and the [University of Scranton](#). The [University of San Francisco](#)'s Board of Trustees issued a resolution in support of DACA students and [Seattle University](#)'s student body president resigned from his position to better serve undocumented students like himself.

Our colleagues at the [Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States](#) and [Jesuit Refugee Service / USA](#) have issued responses to the Executive Order, and the [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#) has launched a 6-Minute Ignatian Advocacy Challenge for students across the country. Other moving responses over the past week include [this reflection](#) from *America* editor-at-large, Rev. James Martin, S.J. on why he advocates for refugees, and airport protest photos featured on the new website for [Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education](#).

We will continue to share responses from our campuses and fellow organizations as this issue develops. Please send any updates to Deanna Howes at dhowes@ajcunet.edu for future inclusion in *AJCU Higher Ed News* and the AJCU website.

Super Sports Weekend: Jesuit Basketball Weekend & Jesuit Ties to Super Bowl LI!

From February 4-6, men's and women's basketball teams

from 13 Jesuit institutions will play in 10 Jesuit vs. Jesuit games; across the country, you'll see the **Jesuit Basketball Spotlight (JBS) [video](#)**, messages on Jesuit education broadcast during the games, collections for **Jesuit Refugee Service / USA** from a student outreach group at the **University of San Francisco**, and even a special game ball presentation before the **Fordham** Rams take on the Hawks at **Saint Joseph's University** tomorrow night! What's more is that the nation's #1 men's basketball team, **[Gonzaga University](#)**, will be in action against **Santa Clara University** tomorrow. Follow JBS on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) throughout the weekend to stay up to date with your favorite Jesuit teams!

Here at AJCU, we enjoy finding Jesuit connections to just about everything. And we didn't need to look very far to find some stellar connections to the Super Bowl! You'll wow the guests at your Super Bowl LI party on Sunday when you tell them that Atlanta Falcons QB Matt Ryan played for **[Boston College](#)**; 7 full-time staffers for the New England Patriots are **[John Carroll University](#)** alumni; and of course, the Lombardi Trophy is named for legendary **[Fordham University](#)** alumnus Vince Lombardi. May the best team win!

New AJCU Conference Calendar Now Online; Upcoming Events on Jesuit Campuses

In response to requests, we've created a new online calendar featuring all of the upcoming AJCU Conferences; click [here](#) to view it online. Of note, the **Jesuit Universities Humanitarian Action Network (JUHAN)** has shared new information on their upcoming conference at the **College of the Holy Cross** in June; click [here](#) for more.

This weekend is officially **[Seattle University Weekend](#)**; next week, **[Creighton University](#)** will celebrate Founder's Week; **[Marquette University](#)** will host Mission Week; and **[Saint Louis University](#)** will celebrate Ignatian Heritage Week. In more mission-event news, a recent **[Fordham University](#)** panel on Catholic leadership and diversity was featured in *National Catholic Reporter*; **[Georgetown University](#)** hosted a panel featuring Jesuit-educated alumni in Congress on Capitol Hill; and **[Saint Joseph's University](#)**'s head of mission programs addressed Catholic Schools Week in an op-ed for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. And last but not least, a **[Xavier University](#)** icon, Father B (Rev. Albert Bischoff, S.J.) had his 90th birthday covered by local Cincinnati news last week!

News from Jesuit Colleges & Universities

[Wheeling Jesuit University](#) has named Dr. Debra Townsley as interim president; [Loyola Marymount University](#) has raised a record \$103M for need-based scholarships; [Loyola University Chicago](#)'s president discussed the need to save financial aid programs with new Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth; [University of Detroit Mercy](#) received a \$3M gift for engineering scholarships; [Fairfield University](#) students have achieved a 96% job placement rate for five consecutive years; [Loyola University New Orleans](#)' baseball team led a baseball camp in Belize over winter break; and a [Santa Clara University](#) course that brings students to San Jose's homeless was featured on local TV news.



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