



## Office of the Vice President for Mission

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TO: The Gonzaga Community  
FROM: Frank E. Case, S.J.  
SUBJ: Moment for Mission  
DATE: September 30, 2014

### **Why Am I Working at Gonzaga University?**

On October 10-12 Gonzaga University will be hosting the annual Western Conversations Conference where delegations of 10 from each of the 6 western Jesuit universities will gather to discuss topics related to “Mission Integration”, the theme of the fall issue of the *Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education* magazine. The magazine was distributed on-line several weeks ago and is available in hard copy from the Mission Office (x6191). A key focus of this meeting will be devoted to questions associated with people’s personal motivations for serving the mission. How does the mission of a Jesuit university jibe with one’s personal beliefs, motives, and reasons for coming to work in the morning? Here at Gonzaga, and at the other Jesuit universities, our university communities are made up of women and men of various faiths and religions or of no particular religious belief. We all share a commitment to the mission that gives purpose to our work and our lives as faculty, staff, administrators, and students. This Conference, we hope, will offer an opportunity to unpack some of our aspirations, hopes, and love of learning.

The key presentations of the Conference will be streamed and video-taped. All are invited to follow these presentations on-line at:

<http://www.gonzaga.edu/about/mission/WesternConversations2014.asp>

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. PST  
Fr. Michael Sheeran, S.J.  
President of the AJCU  
“Pope Francis and Catholic/Jesuit Identity in the AJCU”

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. PST  
Dr. Patricia O’Connell Killen  
Academic Vice President, Gonzaga University  
“Where is Knowing Going: What is a Catholic University?”

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. PST

Fr. Jim Voiss, S.J.

Assistant Vice President for Mission and Rector of the Gonzaga University Jesuit  
Community

*“Ex Corde to the Frontiers”*