

Local Jesuits Part of Wo

The Society of Jesus, commonly called the Jesuits, has been one of the leading educational and missionary orders of the Church since its foundation by St. Ignatius Loyola in 1540. The Jesuits have spread culture and religion through much of the non-European world by their missionary activity.

Jesuit missionaries from the New York Province of the order serve in all corners of the world. Their special fields of assignment are the Caroline and Marshall Islands of the western Pacific, the Philippine Islands, Japan, and Nigeria in Africa. McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester has been influential in fostering vocations to the order, and it is not surprising that the diocese can claim seven Jesuits working in the mission field.

Four of Rochester's missionary Jesuits serve in Manila, capital city of the troubled Philippines: Fathers William J. Malley, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Thomas Green and Leo Welch.

Father Louis Dowd runs the Hsinchu Center on Taiwan, a large modern educational and care institution for youth and catechists.

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