

### **USF JESUIT COMMUNITY**

### Meet Timothy S. Godfrey, SJ, Assistant Professor and Rector of the Jesuit Community

Fr. Tim Godfrey, SJ grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and entered the Society of Jesus directly after high school. He received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy at St. Louis University and holds graduate degrees in a variety of subjects. USF was fortunate enough to find Fr. Godfrey in 2012. We sat down with him to reflect on his journey and what he loves most about working at USF.

#### Can you tell us about your journey to USF?

After I finished my theology graduate work at Berkeley and was ordained a priest, I served as an associate pastor in Jesuit parishes in Portland, Oregon, and then in St. Louis, Missouri. In parish work people seek counseling, so to be more pastorally effective I decided to study counseling and management at Washington University. I did my mental health internship in East St. Louis, IL, a very poor and economically depressed city doing mental health as well as HIV counseling. It was during my internship in East St. Louis that I decided to pursue Nursing.

After graduating from nursing school, I worked for three years as a public health nurse in East St. Louis. Then, I received a new assignment to be pastor of a parish in West Oakland, CA where I helped establish a health ministry that provided basic healthcare such as flu shots and blood pressure tests. After that, I then was sent by my superiors to Georgetown University where I spent 4 years re-organizing the campus ministry program.

I missed nursing as well as working with underserved populations, so the provincial gave me permission to go back to Nursing where I received my doctorate at Catholic U., and then asked me to apply for a teaching position at the nursing schools among our Jesuit universities. One of the schools that interested me the most was USF. You know when you try on a lot of shoes? When I applied to USF, "put my foot into USF," it felt like a good fit. I was hired in 2012 and I've been here ever since.

#### Can you tell us about the various roles you've held at USF?

My first three years here I felt like a kid in the candy store. I loved teaching ethics, working on community partnerships, and helping freshman get off on the right foot in their first nursing course which focuses on our Jesuit values and the nursing code of ethics. It's so important for them to learn from the beginning not only clinical skills but also help them envision what kind of nurse they want to be and incorporate Jesuit values in that journey.

I'm in my 2nd year as rector of the Jesuit community. I help ensure that the house is kept in good order and work with my Jesuit brothers to ensure we stay focused on our mission — why we do what we do. How are we present in our ministries? Where is God calling us? What I love most about this role is it focuses me more deeply on our vocations as Jesuits.

I'm also on the USF leadership team and board of trustees. I'm so impressed by these men and women who work so hard because they want the best for USF. Our faculty and staff here are such wonderful people as well. They care deeply about our students and the community. I am very grateful to work alongside them.

#### **Enough with the serious stuff, what are you watching on TV these days?**

I'm a huge Blue Bloods fan! I love the Turner Classic Movie (TCM) channel and keeping up on the news.

#### What or who makes you laugh the most these days?

I enjoy going out to dinner with friends. That's where I find myself laughing the most. I love "Eucharist" — either mass or around the dinner table. I cherish good conversation and good companionship.

### **LEGACY CORNER**

### Bequest to Honor Beloved Brother



Ernest Salomone '59 and his brother Guido were very close despite their seven-year age difference and an ocean separating them as adults. "As brothers we were so different, yet so much alike," says Guido. "I'm very mechanically inclined, but Ernie couldn't change a spark plug to keep his car running. I attended Archbishop Riordan High School and City College, while Ernie graduated from St. Ignatius Prep and USF."

Both brothers were positively influenced by their respective Catholic schools. "We received wonderful educations. The Marianists and Jesuits are down-to-earth religious orders dedicated to the communities they serve."

After high school, Ernie enlisted in the US Army Air Forces during the Korean War. Following military service Ernie first enrolled at UC Berkeley, then quickly transferred to USF.

The brothers were first in their families to attend college and valued all that education could offer. When Ernest passed away in 2013, Guido stepped forward to honor his brother's experience at USF by planning a bequest.

"Ernie flourished with the individual attention he received at USF. He loved attending basketball games during the era of USF's first NCAA-winning team, led by Bill Russell and K.C. Jones. It was an exciting time in Ernie's life," says Guido.

Ernie's degree from USF and the practical experience he received in the workplace prepared him for a career in engineering and supply chain management. After graduation Ernie worked for American Engineering and Incineration. Later, Ernie managed supplies and matériel for the US Navy at Pearl Harbor. "When he retired he was the highest ranking civilian on base — Chief Claims and Purchasing Agent," recalls Guido.

Ever a Dons fan Ernie proudly displayed a USF pennant at his home in San Francisco and later in Honolulu. "My brother's experience at USF had a lasting impact in his life. This gift will provide future students with some of those same opportunities that Ernie had."

### A LOOK AHEAD

### Planning Under the New Tax Rules

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Tax Law Changes and You, compares various tax treatments under the old and new rules, and Planning Under the New Tax Rules, provides a more in-depth discussion. You can access either brochure online at **giftplanning.usfca.edu/TaxGuide** or you can call our office and request a printed copy. Our goal is to provide resources to the USF community that are timely and easy to access. Please feel free to contact our office to discuss the new tax act as it relates to your giving.

### **Upcoming Events Selected Just for You**

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Feb. 21 | 5:30-7:15 p.m. McLaren Complex, 1st Floor

Everyday finance and investments with Nobel laureate economist Harry Markowitz.

#### Women in Leadership & Philanthropy Symposium

March 21 | 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, SF

Keynote speaker Debbie Sterling, inventor and CEO of GoldieBlox.

## Explore the Nordic with Alumni and Friends of USF

July 8, 2018 - July 18, 2018

Discover the Scandinavian capitals of Copenhagen and Oslo then travel to the charming city of Bergen.

For more information about one of these events please email Katie Belway Reznik at ksbelway@usfca.edu or by phone at (415) 422-4751.

# Please welcome our newest legacy society members:

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Bernard McGinnis '70
Kathryn McBride
Rosemarie Klustner '87
Edith Gong '14
Guido Salomone
John Kalin '67
Anita Stangl '68, '69
Patrick Shandonay '08
Mary Jane Niles & John Higgins
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Paul Wieser '78
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Mindy Mason '06

Dr. Sheila Yuter '11

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