Malatesta Scholarship Endowment Campaign Successful

Special Message from Rev. Michel Marcil, S.J.
President of Friends of Ricci

Dear friends,

In June 2005, the Ricci Institute successfully completed its fund raising drive for the Malatesta Scholarship Endowment. I am pleased to announce that the Ricci Institute has collected more than our original goal of $100,000.

This is the result of the collaboration between and among many friends and supporters of the Ricci Institute, many who volunteered their time to make the fund raising committee operative. Thanks to the generosity of our many benefactors, this campaign has achieved great results. In addition, the Ricci Institute has gained many new friends.

As a non-profit research institute within a private university, we feel greatly encouraged by the support of so many friends. Moreover, we are immensely proud of being able to offer this scholarship to meritorious scholars in China. Again, thank you all.

Sincerely,
Michel Marcil, S.J., President
Friends of Ricci

Light through the Windows: Restoration of Xujiahui Cathedral's Stained Glass Windows

The Ricci Institute and Friends of Ricci will be hosting three public presentations in November 2005, introducing the stained glass restoration project currently underway at the Xujiahui (Zikawei) Cathedral in Shanghai, China. The presenters will be the artists of the project, Rev. Thomas Lucas, S.J., a professor of visual arts at the University of San Francisco, and Ms. Theresa Wo Ye, the artist responsible for restoring the windows. These presentations will be held at:

San Francisco:
University of San Francisco
Lone Mountain 100
5:45 p.m., November 10, 2005

South Bay: To be announced

Los Angeles: To be announced

Scholars Visit the Ricci Institute

Three distinguished scholars will be in residence at the Ricci Institute during the summer of 2005. Prof. Tao Feiya, Executive Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the Shanghai University, will spend three months in San Francisco. His research focuses on Christianity in China during the first half of the twentieth century. Ms. Ahn Jung Won, a native of Korea and Ph.D. candidate from the University of Tokyo, will further develop her research on comparative studies of women and marriage in Catholic communities in the sixteenth-century China, Japan and Korea. Rev. Prof. Antoni J. Üçeler, S.J., a research fellow from the Jesuit Historical Institute in Rome, will continue his research on the manuscript De Amicitia (On Friendship) by Matteo Ricci.

Two New Research Projects Initiated in China by the Ricci Institute

The Ricci Institute initiated two new research projects in the spring of 2005 that aimed at broadening our understanding of cultural history through the study of Christianity in China. The collaboration of the Ricci Institute with Chinese scholars on research focusing on the themes of women and Christianity in modern China and Christian Secondary Education in modern China has already led to new perspectives on these important aspects of Chinese-Western cultural exchange and interaction.
Friends of Ricci Extended to Los Angeles

To widen the circle of friends and supporters of the Ricci Institute, Friends of Ricci – LA was established in the spring of 2005 in Los Angeles. Friends of the Ricci Institute living in the LA area were contacted and met with staff members of the Ricci Institute to discuss the feasibility of establishing a chapter of Friends of Ricci in the greater LA area. As a result, Tsai Jan-feng, Zhang Bao-gui, Alice Wu, Liu Yu-yong and Claire Lin have generously volunteered to form the core group of the Friends of Ricci – LA.

A Good Book to Share

By George Cheng

Earlier this year, Father Bernard Chu, S.J., recommended an exceptional book called Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year Old Company That Changed The World to some friends. The author, Chris Lowney, is a former Jesuit who moved into the business world and worked as managing director at J.P. Morgan for 17 years. He is also a consultant for the Catholic Medical Mission Board in New York. The book summarizes the following four leadership principles of the Jesuits:

1. Self-Awareness. Encourage everyone to be aware of one’s strengths and weaknesses, and ones value system and world view.
2. Ingenuity. Exude self confidence, creativity, and adaptability in the midst of an ever changing world.
3. Love. Respect, value and trust your colleagues.
4. Heroism. Encourage oneself and others with passion, vigor, and high ideals.

These four important principles have produced such great Jesuits and leaders in the history of Chinese-Western cultural exchange as Matteo Ricci, Adam Schall von Bell, Giuseppe Castiglione, and Ferdinand Verbiest.

Photo Exhibit Taiwan in the 1950s Brings Chinese-Americans Together

Continuing its efforts to provide public outreach programs in the area of education, the Ricci Institute recently created a travel photo exhibit. Entitled Taiwan in the 1950s, the exhibit includes fifty black-and-white photographs from the Ricci Institute Foley Photo Collection. The photos depict the life and work of people in Taiwan during the 1950s. In February 2005, the exhibit was presented at four locations in Los Angeles and Orange County. In early June 2005, the photo exhibit was displayed in San Mateo.

How to join Friends of Ricci

The fully tax-deductible annual membership of Friends of Ricci is used to support various unique programs at the Ricci Institute. For detailed information about how to become a member, please contact us at: 415-422-6401, on the web: usfca.edu/ricci, or via e-mail at: ricci@usfca.edu