



Nearly 500 years ago, St. Francis Xavier was the first Jesuit to visit the Far East. His dream of bringing Christ to mainland China ended in 1552 when he died on a lonely island off the Chinese coast while trying to obtain entrance to China.

I certainly did not encounter Xavier's hardships in March when I traveled to the People's Republic of China with three of my fellow presidents of Jesuit colleges and universities, although the 13-1/2 hour non-stop flight from Toronto was enough to remind me of the great zeal that must have propelled our Apostle of the East in the 16th century.

Our official purpose in traveling to China was to get a first hand look at two academic programs in which the Jesuit schools are involved. My unofficial purpose on this, my first trip to mainland China, was to observe Chinese society and culture after a rather intense period of economic expansion and a loosening of cultural constraints. I was fascinated on both counts.

The 28 Jesuit colleges and universities participate in a study abroad program operated at the University of International Business & Economics in Beijing. It is a relatively small university of 13,000 students but I was very impressed by the range of offerings in this undergraduate program. Courses are taught in English but students have the opportunity to study the Chinese language. There are extensive travel and cultural experiences offered as part of this program.

The Jesuit schools also participate in a master's in business administration program offered at the University of Peking, which is a much larger and more prestigious university. This is a program principally for Chinese students. It is taught in both Chinese and English as half of the faculty comes from China's Center of Economic Development and half are visiting professors from American Jesuit universities. The degree in this program is granted through Fordham University. While we would not envision sending Canisius students to this program in large numbers, it could be an attractive teaching option for faculty interested in international business.

Francis Xavier helped shrink the world 500 years ago with his intrepid journeys throughout the Far East. As we mark the 500th anniversary of his birth this year, it is good to know the Jesuits are still doing their part to spread their unique gifts throughout the world.

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