



The issues of mission and identity attract significant attention at our Jesuit colleges and universities. At Canisius, we are presently evaluating proposals for a new core curriculum for the college. Much of the faculty debate about this topic is infused with concerns about the extent to which we will remain true to our Jesuit identity with a new core. Faculty members report that it has been a rich and passionate discussion to date. Stay tuned for the outcome.

We have several stories in this issue of *Canisius Magazine* that emphasize our Jesuit identity, starting with our profile of Rev. Robert A. Haus, S.J., on page 14. Father Haus is a good friend and colleague, and a real institution at Canisius. Young alumni have taken seriously the Ignatian imperative to become men and women for others through their work at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, which is highlighted on page 24. The lessons they have learned at Canisius have taken root and Jesuits should take pride in claiming these young people as graduates of one of our schools.

I am also happy to announce the promotion of **John J. Hurley '78** to the newly-created position of executive vice president and vice president for college relations (page 4). John is no newcomer to Canisius or the Jesuits. His work as National Chair of the Jesuit Advancement Administrators and his active involvement in the work of the Diocese of Buffalo make him a good candidate to deal with issues of critical importance to the college in which mission and identity issues abound, such as strategic planning and integrated marketing. I am confident in John's ability to bring groups from across the campus together to develop sound plans that also include a strong commitment to our Jesuit identity.

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