TO:       Xavier University Trustee
FROM:  Debra Mooney, Ph.D.
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RE:       Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education – a few highlights

The theme of the fall issue of *Conversations,* a publication of the National Seminar/Society of Jesus, is *“Challenges for Jesuit Higher Education.”*One challenge is articulated by Xavier’s **Dr. James Buchanan**, Director of the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue (p. 7). In his article, “Responding to Crisis: Risk, Opportunity and Strategic Wagers”, he outlines the advantages and need for a trans-institutional global Jesuit educational system.

In the opinion section, **Dr. Kathleen McGarvey Hidy**, Xavier’s Visiting Professor of Legal Studies and Faculty Fellow at the Cintas Institute for Business Ethics, provides a framework for molding ethical and moral students in Jesuit business schools (p. 41).

Also in this issue, Fr. Ed Schmidt SJ, in his message “From the Editor,” reflects on his optimism and excitement for the networks’ new presidents, including Creighton’s **Fr. Dan Hendrickson SJ** (fellow Xavier Trustee; p. 1).

Related, you may be interested to know that each semester, there is a “Conversation Hour” for faculty and staff on the topic emphasized in the current issue. We are pleased that Fr. Pat Howell SJ, chair of the National Seminar on Jesuit Higher Education appreciates our use of the magazine for generating dialogue. As he wrote in a letter to colleagues in Jesuit Mission and Identity, *“If you’re looking for ideas and vehicles for engaging your campus through Conversations, I suggest you contact your peers at Creighton,* ***Xavier****, or Spring Hill. They each seem to make extensive use of its multiple features.”*