The main event for this year is to bring an outstanding lecturer to campus in the name of and sponsored by the Catholic Studies Program. This lecture has already been set up. Mr. George Weigel is scheduled to speak at Loyola University on February 16, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Weigel is a world class author and lecturer, having authored or edited 19 books, among which are: *Witness to Hope*, a biography of Pope John Paul II published in 1999 by Oxford University Press; and by the same press this year [2010], *The End and the Beginning*, another book on Pope John Paul II.

The first goal of this year is to provide one list of courses available for the Catholic Studies Minor Program. Right now there are five different lists, and without too much overlap from one to the other. Dozens of hours have been spent by the Director bringing these lists to conformity. This unified list will be brought to the Catholic Studies Board to pare down the list, removing all courses that are no longer offered, and any other course deemed by the Board to be unfit for the program. This will provide for students on the Catholic Studies Web page a list of all approved courses. This process was begun last year and will be brought to completion this year. Most of the work has already been done.

Another project for this year is to put together a new brochure for Catholic Studies Program. The old brochure is obsolete.

Finally, Efforts have already been made by the Director to get more students to minor in the program. In this regard some of the strategic people have been approached to encourage them to solicit more minors. It remains to be seen if these efforts are fruitful.

This program should be central to the academic programs at Loyola University. Precisely as a Catholic University such a program should thrive and should capture the interest of many students and faculty. The ultimate aim of the director to make this possible.