



The New York/New Jersey region of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps presented its third annual Della Strada award on October 22, 2009 to James Martin, S.J. [Photo above: Mr. Stephen Quigley, Chair of the IVC NY Regional Council, Fr. Martin, SJ, and Liz McMahon, IVC NY Regional Director]

The Della Strada award takes its name from the church that Ignatius Loyola and the early Jesuits in Rome established to serve the urban poor. This award honors those whose work and lives reflect the Ignatian values of direct service to the poor, and of working and educating for a more just society.

Fr. Martin truly embodies these values – through his current position as the Culture Editor for *America Magazine*, the national Jesuit weekly, as well as his books, articles, presentations, workshops and media appearances, and his

prior work in a Jamaican Mission, with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Kenya, with street gangs in Chicago, and at the Nativity Mission School in New York.

Prior recipients of the Della Strada award include Fr. Joseph Parkes, President of the Cristo Rey High School in New York, and Fr. Joseph O'Hare, former President of Fordham University and past editor of *America* Magazine.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) provides men and women, aged 50 and greater, opportunities to serve others, to address social injustice, and to transform lives. IVC matches the talents of capable Volunteers with the greatest social needs of our time through partnerships with hundreds of nonprofit organizations across the United States. For information, visit www.ivcusa.org or contact Elizabeth McMahon, IVC's New York/New Jersey Regional Director, at emcmahon@ivcusa.org or at (212) 234-2848 ext. 222.