

## Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., Speech Reading Questions

Please answer these questions and be prepared to discuss your answers during our class session.

1. What are your overall reactions to Fr. Kolvenbach's speech?
2. What event occurred in 1975 that changed the direction of the modern Jesuit order and the efforts of its institutions, Loyola among them?
3. What were some new initiatives the Jesuits and their institutions began?
4. How did the Jesuits begin addressing systemic injustices and move from the charity to the justice model?
5. What does it mean to promote justice in general but also to promote justice as members of the Loyola family?
6. Why do the Jesuits believe that the promotion of justice should be a part of their ministry of education?
7. Fr. Kolvenbach notes that the digital divide in America is a justice issue. Why do you think a digital divide exists in American, and why it is important to address the digital divide in Baltimore?
8. Fr. Kolvenbach is interested in "what our students become." What do you think this means, and why do you think this is so important to him and to Loyola?
9. Controversial author and professor Stanley Fish has said that it is not a professor's job to help change the world. In his book, *Change the World on Your Own Time*, Fish argues that faculty members should, essentially, focus on their disciplines and teach that subject matter rather than teaching activism and community engagement.

In his speech, Fr. Kolvenbach seems to retort Fish's position. To address the "law of the jungle" approach to life, Fr. Kolvenbach's speech recounts one of his most famous sayings that addresses the separation of the ivory tower from the realities of injustice: "When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change. Personal involvement with innocent suffering, with the injustice others suffer, is the catalyst for solidarity which then gives rise to intellectual inquiry and moral reflection."

Why do you think it's important for faculty members, staff, and students at Jesuit universities to address injustices in the world? What does this look like for you as you deepen your experiences at Loyola, become more involved with Baltimore, and as you plan your life after graduation?

10. How might you contribute to the efforts at Loyola to address the injustices that exist in Baltimore?