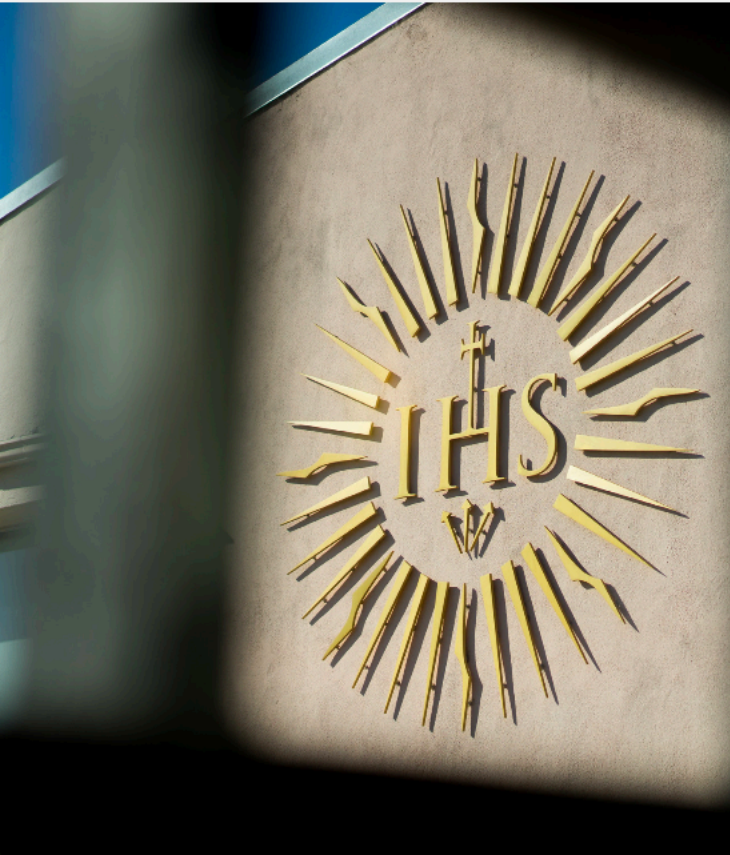




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# Living Theology. Transforming Our World.

Annual Report  
2022–2023



"It has been a privilege to be afforded this opportunity to study at an institution of excellence that helps its students seek the truths of faith in an environment that reflects the universal Church through its cultural diversity. The Jesuit mission of living a faith that does justice has helped me to deepen my understanding of and appreciation for the responsibility that comes with having a theological education in order to make a difference in ministry and society."

**John Pickering, '23 STL.**



## Together, We Grow

The spring semester began with a bittersweet celebration of life for Fr. Joseph G. Mueller, S.J., dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (JST-SCU), who passed away in January 2023. Amid grief, the JST-SCU community rallied together to finish the academic year with hope rooted in faith and a commitment to the mission that Dean Mueller lived his life in service to. Your support during this challenging time played a pivotal role in creating space for students of JST-SCU to continue to grow in wisdom, deepen their faith, and serve their local communities and the global Church.

### Student Demographics

- 112** Students
- 72%** Men **28%** Women
- 34%** Lay, **43%** Jesuit, **23%** Other
- 50%** International
- 40** Students received **57** degrees

### Fundraising Total

- \$1,612,545**
- Number of Gifts: **567**
- FY23 JST # Donors: **471**
- FY23 JST Total Amount of Scholarships Awarded: **\$791,558**
- 100%** of applicants that applied for a scholarship received an award

## Leadership Transition

Dean Mueller's tenure at JST-SCU was marked by his pastoral care for individuals and faithful leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. After Dean Mueller's passing, Santa Clara University began a search for a new dean to carry the mantle of leadership. During the search, Associate Dean Julie Rubio served in the role of interim dean. Following an extensive international search, Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, S.J., STL '98, Hon. '12, was appointed dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. Beginning his new role at JST-SCU at the start of the fall semester, Dean Orobator is an internationally esteemed leader having just finished serving as the president of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar. He is a prolific theologian, author and speaker on many important topics relevant to our current moment, including leadership, increasing the inclusion and role of women in the Church, ecological stewardship, and human rights and dignity. As an influential Jesuit thinker and one of the most important international theological voices, Dean Orobator brings passion and vision to the ongoing work of JST-SCU.

## Emerging Vision

Dean Orobator joins JST-SCU at a pivotal moment in the life of the community. Beginning at the end of the spring semester, the JST Strategic Planning Committee, comprised of current students, alumni, faculty, staff, and board members, both Jesuits and lay people, started the process of drafting a new strategic plan for the school. Grounded in a data-informed methodology that prioritizes listening to JST-SCU's diverse community members, the strategic planning process is made up of four movements: observations, insights, imperatives, and decisions. The committee plans to submit a draft of the plan to the JST-SCU board of directors in January 2024 and host a town hall discussion with students, faculty, staff, and alumni in March. The goal is to have a finalized strategic plan by the end of the school year.



## JST Joins Laudato Si' Action Platform

In September of 2022, JST-SCU officially joined the Laudato Si' Action Platform, an initiative started by Pope Francis to address integral issues of ecology and human development. Toward this end, the school adopted an action plan that includes commitments to integrate Laudato Si' across the curriculum, host events that promote outcomes in alignment with the platform, foster development that is sustainable and responsible, and align JST-SCU's stewardship of resources with the values of Laudato Si'.





## Community Events

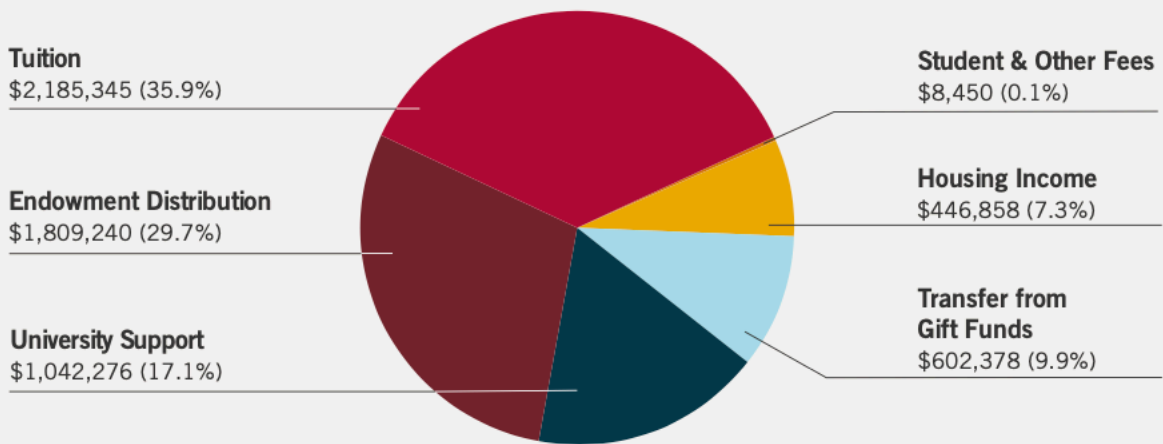
The academic year included various special events that enriched participants' lives and sparked dialogue. One highlight was the inaugural Thea Bowman Lecture. Begun to honor the life and advance the legacy of Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA, the lecture featured a keynote from Dr. M. Shawn Copeland, whose work has been influential in bridging the intersection between advocacy, the African American experience in the Catholic Church, and contextually informed theology. Another event that brought the campus community together was a visit from Greg Boyle, S.J., STM '86, founder of Homeboy Industries. In addition to a book signing, the events included a campus-wide discussion on renewal and faith post-incarceration.

## Transformational Scholarship

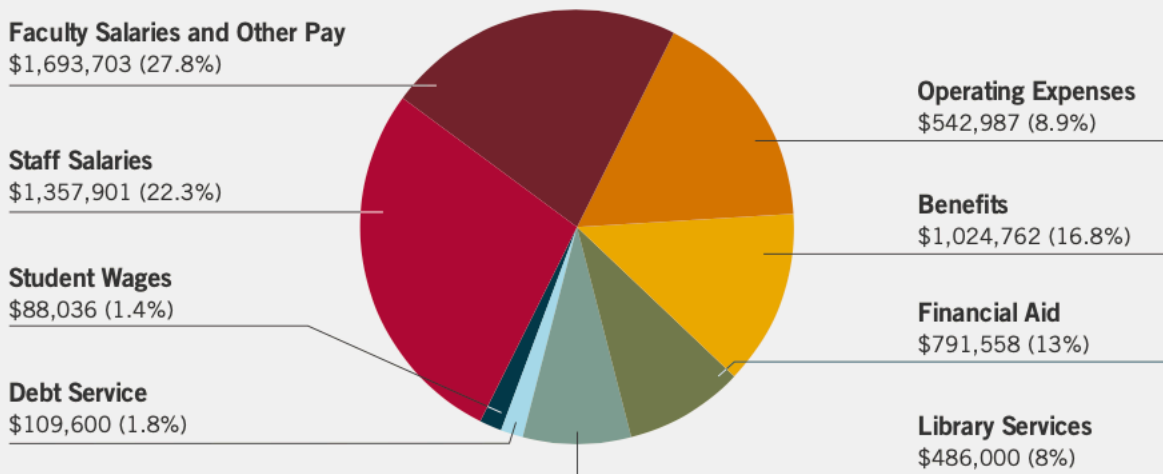
In spring 2023, three editors of "The Jerome Biblical Commentary for the 21st Century," including JST-SCU's own Professor Gina Hens-Piazza, attended an event celebrating the release of the landmark volume. With a foreword by Pope Francis and contributions from over 100 scholars around the world, many of whom are JST-SCU alumni, the commentary is representative of JST-SCU's long commitment to theology that amplifies historically underrepresented voices. The event celebrating the commentary's publication was standing-room only and streamed live for viewers who could not attend in person.



## Revenue & Other Sources: \$6,094,547



## Expenses: \$6,094,547



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