



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

### President's Message – Laurie Hernandez August 2021

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To the wonderful members of the Catala family,

Happy August to you!

Summer is speeding right along, and I hope you are able to take full advantage. “Back to school” season will be here before we know it!

August brings us a special guest speaker, Charlie White, SCU class of 1977 and Director of our treasured Mission Church. If you have ever wanted to know the hidden secrets of the Church, now is your chance to ask. Please join us if you can via zoom

Our other big news this month is to announce the return of Catala’s memorial benches.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the story, in 2005, Catala acquired and donated to the University two benches in honor of our 75th anniversary and in commemoration of our namesake, Father Magin Catala S.J. They were placed outside of the former Bannan Hall, the location chosen because it was believed to be on a path that Father Catala would have regularly traveled. In addition, the benches were shaded by several of Father Catala’s beloved willow trees, also a gift from the Catala Club.

When Bannan Hall was demolished to make way for the new Sobrato Discovery and Innovation building, the benches were scooped up and sent to University storage along with the other Bannan artifacts. The willow trees were lost in the demolition.

Now that the new Sobrato building is complete, I am delighted to report that the benches are coming out of storage and will be reinstalled in a location very close to the original. The concrete pads are poured, new willow trees have been planted and the benches are scheduled to be in place before the start of school of September.

On your next visit to campus, check out the northwest corner of the new building — the benches will be facing (approximately) Walsh Hall, Daly Science and the Abby Sobrato Fountain.

*Hooray!*



I extend the warmest of Catala gratitude to Mike Wallace (University Relations) and Don Akerland (University Operations) for their tenacity in seeing this adventure through to completion. It means a great deal to the ladies of Catala and especially to those who were part of the original project. Thank you, gentlemen!

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez  
Catala President 2021-2023

**Reminder!**

**Your Catala Dues (\$40) is due!  
See enclosed Dues Reminder  
from Katy Kelly,  
2021-22 Membership Chair**

Meet our August **Guest Speaker**

### **CHARLIE WHITE**



Bay Area native and SCU alum, Charlie White has been “Mission Church Director” for 40 years this year.

The following excerpt from a 2013 article in The Santa Clara Magazine entitled “The Mystery of the Side Chapel Saint” illustrates how Charlie has become an

archivist and religious history expert over the years – certainly more than planning weddings and liturgies!

*“It’s a painting that I originally thought was ugly and nondescript and of little interest,” says **Charles White**, director of the Mission Church. “But the conservators kept arguing that it was a diamond in the rough. They said, ‘You don’t realize this is a beautiful picture, you just have to get through all the soot and the grime.’”*

*Thanks to a grant from the California Missions Foundation, . . . those conservators got the chance to restore the painting in 2012. . . . Their work revealed the subtle colors and exquisite details of the original artwork, most likely painted in Mexico in the early or mid-19th century.*

*“The statues and paintings are part of the Catholic religious heritage of our campus—and the state of California,” Fr. Eng says. “Charlie’s care of our patrimony deserves accolades from all who come to the Mission, from Santa Clara students at Mass to fourth-graders who visit to study California history for their classes.”*

As a privileged witness to Mission Santa Clara’s most recent and “living” history, Charlie hopes to enlighten and entertain our Catala Club members with anecdotes of special people, life-changing events, successes and disappointments during his tenure as Mission Director.

Zoom in to hear his fascinating stories!

### **MEET PAULINA GARCIA!**



Dear Catala Club Members,

My name is Paulina Ursua Garcia and I am a first-year Environmental Science major from Aurora, Colorado. I am so excited to be attending Santa Clara this year and even more

thankful to be staying on campus in Finn Hall.

This past year was not what anyone was expecting, but thankfully I was still able to get a great education and meet so many amazing people. Due to the pandemic closing down many small businesses, my family has been stressed about how it would impact our small family restaurant. Although our revenue has been impacted significantly, we’ve been able to stay open throughout it all. This scholarship has helped my family extensively and has made affording my education one less thing to worry about during these times.

My time at SCU has gone even better than I imagined. Despite most everything being virtual, Santa Clara has created many strong online communities where I have been able to connect with many of my peers. Being involved in organizations and programs such as LEAD Scholars and the Latinx Student Union has made me feel like a true SCU Bronco despite the virtual format. I’m still learning about all the great resources and programs offered at Santa Clara.

I’m considering studying abroad when it is safe to do so and becoming a peer educator for one of my environmental science professors. I am grateful to be a Santa Clara Bronco and can’t wait for all the amazing opportunities to come! Thank you for supporting my education and opening this door for me.

Sincerely,

Paulina Ursua Garcia  
Santa Clara University 2024



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Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Loydene Kiley, Pat DeMarlo, Carolyn Ferrari, Lexie O'Keefe (Leana Giannini's mother-in-law), Kris Stanga, Kris' dad, for all victims of injustices and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

*"Jesus was not a man for others. He was one with others. There is a world of difference in that. Jesus didn't seek the rights of lepers. He touched the leper before he got around to curing him. He didn't champion the cause of the outcast. He was the outcast. He didn't fight for improved conditions of the prisoner. He simply said, 'I was in prison.'"*

*"The strategy of Jesus is not centered on taking the right stand on issues, but rather in standing in the right place—with the outcast and those relegated to the margins."*

-Father Greg Boyle, SJ

### MISSION REOPENING

After 15 months of being closed to the public, the Mission Church has reopened for daily prayer and Sunday services. While some health and safety precautions—including capacity limits, masking, and registration—will remain in place, the Mission is excited to invite visitors inside once again.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

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### MARK YOUR ZOOM CALENDAR . . .

August 18 Charlie White, Director,  
 Mission Church  
 September 15 Lisa Kloppenberg,  
 SCU Acting President

### MORE HAPPENINGS AT SCU!

#### August 10

Ignatian Adventure Retreat Registration  
 Deepen your faith with the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises during an intensive thirty-two week retreat. There's no better guide than St. Ignatius to discover how faith and everyday life can thrive together. Go to the Alumni Relations website for more information.

#### August 18

Virtual Examen

with Fr. Jack Treacy, S.J., 4:00-4:30pm;  
 Virtual via Zoom; no cost to attend.  
 The Ignatian Examen prayer is a meditation experience. Learn the method the Jesuits pray daily, and add this prayer method to your own spiritual routine. Register on the Alumni Relations website

