



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez March 2022

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

Happy (almost) spring! As the new season approaches, it brings with it a spirit of fresh optimism and renewed gratitude.

Thank you to all who answered the call for the SCU Food Pantry drive last month. In typical Catala fashion, our girl power came together, and the next thing the Pantry knew, the Amazon truck was backing up with deliveries a-go-go. Ladies, you are amazing. A thank you from the students is included in this newsletter.

We join the University community with our sincerest thanks to the Sobrato family, who has just made a \$9 million gift to Santa Clara for scholarships. These funds are earmarked for Cristo Rey high school graduates, with a special designation that (when possible) the awards go to students who are the first in their family to go to college. The theme of the Cristo Rey school network is that education can break the cycle of poverty, and the Sobrato gift stretches that theme for students who want to come to Santa Clara. For those who may not know, I am pleased to tell you that the President of Cristo Rey San Jose High School, Silvia Scandar Mahan, is a member of Catala!

Looking ahead, we have our Day of Recollection followed by lunch on March 16. Thanks to Cathy De Maria, we will have this event at the beautiful St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in San Jose. Father Jack will celebrate the mass. Please note the Covid protocols outlined in the attached invitation, and, as always, please do not come if you are not feeling well.

In April, we will host Joanne Hayes White. An SCU alumna, Joanne is also (now retired) San Francisco's first female Fire Chief. We are hoping to have this event in-person on the SCU campus. More on this to follow.

Your Board is also exploring a Catala spiritual retreat to be held in the fall. A short survey to gauge interest is

included in this newsletter, and we would be appreciative if you would take a moment to complete it and return it to us.

Last but not least.

Omnia Gallia in tres partes divisa est

Those who participated in last month's "February Fun" and trivia game now know that my passion as a student at Santa Clara was Classical Latin. Paired with a business degree in Finance makes for a curious marriage, but this is a story for another time. Congratulations to whoever guessed this "fun fact" about me — I hope you won a suitable prize! My thanks to First VP Joanie Cattermole and her team for putting on this clever and innovative zoom party.

Stay safe!

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



**WE WANT
YOUR FEEDBACK**

Catala Club is considering offering a day retreat at El Retiro this fall for our members. Before we move forward with the planning, we would like to get an idea of the interest level of our group.

Attached is a short survey. Please complete the survey and let us know if you are interested in joining us on this special day. Thank you for your input.

[Here is the survey.](#)

FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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- 4 Shirley Haggin
- 6 Angie Elhers
- 13 Jill Moul
- 13 Julie Stone
- 14 Romelia Scott
- 15 Tamara McLevis Michie
- 18 Kathy Bonfiglio
- 20 Patty Brunetti
- 23 Lynn Goodall
- 23 Susan Shank
- 24 Kathy Re

We extend our Sympathy and Prayers for Comfort to Lisa Kloppenberg with the passing of her father, to Father Rob Scholla with the passing of his Aunt Theresa and to the family and friends of Marygrace Colby, SCU's first Director of Women's Athletics. Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Peggy Anastasia, Pat DeMarlo, Debbie McBride, Michelle Sola's grandson and for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and SAVE THE DATE

- March 16 Day of Recollection, Becket Hall
St. Thomas of Canterbury Church
- April 20 Guest Speaker: Joanne Hayes-White,
Retired San Francisco Fire Chief – SCU
- May 18 Installation Mass and Lunch - SCU



**Ash
Wednesday
March 3**

*You are infinitely precious
because you are loved by God.*

-Fulton Sheen

WHAT'S HAPPENING at SCU!

- March 2 5:30pm Ignatian Spirituality Reflection
"Seeing God In All Things"
Bannan Alumni House
- March 4 First Friday Mass & Lunch
- March 9 11:00-Noon Live Author Talk: Charles Yu,
"Interior Chinatown" - Zoom
- March 11-13 Retreat; "A Mother's Love and
Loss-Finding Peace After the
Loss of a Son/Daughter"
- El Retiro, Los Altos
- March 16 6-7pm Bronco Expert Series:
Gracelyn Bateman '12, co-
founder of Luna Peak
Foundation, "Seeking and
Giving Grief Support" – Zoom
- March 19 9:30am-4pm Day of Reflection –
Jack Treacy, S.J.
"Women Who Inspired
St. Ignatius and How He
Continues to Inspire Women
Today" - Multi-Faith Sanctuary,
St. Joseph's Hall

Register on the Alumni Website



**BEGINS
SUNDAY,
MARCH 13**

For each petal on the shamrock,
this brings a wish your way
Good health, good luck, and happiness
for today and every day.

*Happy
St. Patrick's Day!*

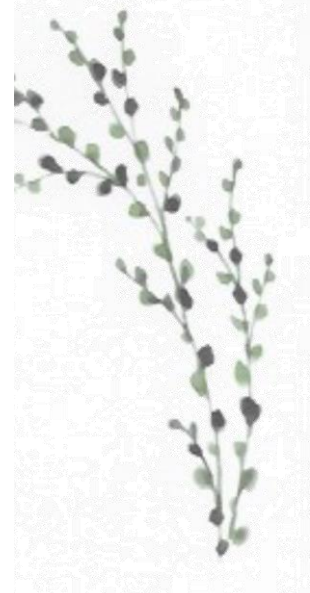
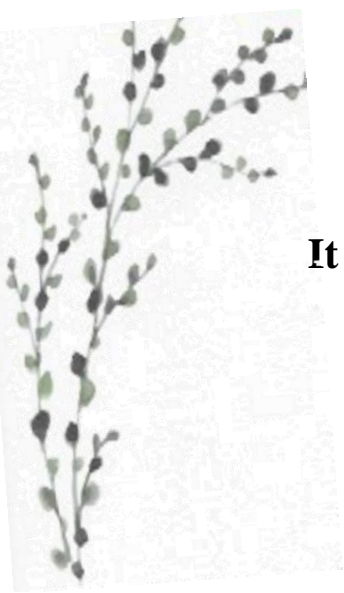
**Happy Feast of St. Joseph
March 19**

**Happy and blessed
St. Joseph's Feast Day.
May you and
your families
receive many blessings!**

*Santa Clara University Catala Club
"Catala Club through the Decades"
Celebrating the past, inspiring their future ...*

**It was to be "¡Viva Catalá!" in 2020
It will be "Catala through the Decades" in 2022
It is happening **June 18, 2022****

**A BIG thank you to the generous support
of our members and friends
whose underwriting in 2020 was directed
to our Endowed Scholarship Funds.
Please see attachment**



THANK YOU

For Supporting the Food Insecurity Program



The students appreciate the Catala Club's support of all students but especially those that are in need of food during these difficult times.

Thank you so much for this kind gesture! I am so happy that God has made you capable enough to help others in need and may you get as much success as you desire in your life! You have my good wishes and blessings!

Thank you for adding joy through gloomy days!

Thank you so much for your generous donation of a gift card. It has really helped me provide a healthy and edible meal for me to eat. Eternally grateful for kindness.

Notes of Thanks from students

Thank you for your gift card, it really helps me a lot during pass a month. It's my first gift in 2022, and really means a lot to me

Thank you so much for always supporting us. We truly appreciate your generosity.

I wanted to graciously thank you for donating the gift cards and to the pantry. I unfortunately had Covid, and without the gift card, feeding myself would have been such a burden. Thank you so much for your generosity. May God bless you and you are in my prayers.

Save The Date

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
SCU's Annual Day of Giving!

Please give to Catala Club on this Special Date!
Your giving helps us give Scholarships to undergraduate SCU students!

Thank you!!

