



Santa Clara University Catala Club

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President's Message –Charlene Raisch April 2020

Dear Friends,

I pray that you are all safe and healthy as we practice home confinement. Due to “sheltering in place,” there will not be a Catala General Meeting/Luncheon April 15. Our Board of Directors will be “meeting” via ZOOM as scheduled on April 1. We’re all taking our days one step at a time.

I would like to thank all who “went all in for SCU” on March 4th. I am humbled by your generosity and support of our students. Please do not hesitate to go to the SCU website for updates on COVID-19 and how you might assist our SCU students. Our Catala Club website will keep you posted on upcoming events when available. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 408-202-3121 or Charlene.raisch@gmail.com, if needed.

I ask you keep our SCU family – our Catala members, our students, our Jesuit Community, our faculty and our staff in your prayers. I especially ask you to keep our elderly Catala members and elderly Jesuit priests in your thoughts and prayers for them to remain healthy.

Father Kevin O’Brien, S.J., our SCU President, gave the homily during SCU’s 169th Founder’s Day Mass on March 19. He has graciously granted permission to me to share it with you here. His words spoke to my heart and my soul. I am sure that they will to you as well.

“For 169 years, the Jesuits have celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph on these [the Mission] grounds. Over those years, SCU’s students, faculty, and staff lived through times marked by a Civil War, two World Wars, the Great Depression, Vietnam, tech booms and busts, and the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Through it all, the college and later university has endured, and the Mission stands.

In this weird, almost surreal time, we are anxious, scared, confused, frustrated, even angry. Our graduating students grieve a particular loss. Yet, as in all those years before, this Feast of St. Joseph speaks to us, for in the father of Jesus and spouse of Mary, we have a model for living to guide us at this moment.

The carpenter Joseph had wed Mary, only to discover that she was already pregnant. Unwilling to shame her, he decided on a quiet divorce. But an angel came to him saying, “Do not be afraid,” that the child Mary carried was the son of God, and was conceived by the Holy Spirit Joseph kept Mary as his wife.

I find consolation in Joseph’s example. With the angel’s visit, Joseph’s life was completely upended. But the angel’s encouraging words allowed Joseph to trust, to step into the unknown with confidence that God was with him and that God would reveal something then unimaginable.

As we make our leap of faith, we too can ask: “What might God be trying to reveal to us?”-especially during this fearful time of “social distancing” and “shelter at home,” to stem the tide of the virus.

Look deep within yourselves and ask:

- *In our absence from one another, are we becoming more grateful for people whom we may take for granted?*
- *In our distancing, are we realizing a deep longing for community we did not fully notice as we strived too much for our independence?*
- *With a virus that jumps so easily from person to person, are we more aware of how interconnected we are, no matter who we are or where we live?*
- *In our sheltering, are we each entering into a sabbath, a time of setting apart, even solitude when God can speak a new, marvelously unexpected word to us?*
- *On our walks outside, are we seeing glorious gifts in nature that have been begging for our attention?*
- *In this in-between time of B.C. and A.C., also known as “before coronavirus” and “after coronavirus,” how might God be inviting Santa Clara and our community into something new?*

I don’t have the answers. I’m living the questions just as you are. But I know that we will get through this. And I know that we don’t have to be afraid, because we have each other and because we have been at this great enterprise of learning and service for 169 years. In this we find our strength, and as for Joseph, in God we place our hope, a hope that will not disappoint.”

I hope Father Kevin's words bring you strength, comfort, hope and a deeper relationship with God during these troubling days.

God's peace be with you all,
Charlene Raisch, President

Get Well and Healing Prayers for Our World.

*"... for gracious and merciful is he,
slow to anger, rich in kindness ..."*

"A pandemic shows that we are all in this together. No one is safe unless we are all safe.

Globalization should not simply be focused on the economy. Globalization must also include compassion and seeing everyone in the world as our brothers and sisters. This is what solidarity means. We have to look out for one another everywhere in the world. A crisis either makes us better or worse people; it never leaves us the same." – Tom Reese, SJ



¡¡VIVA CATALA!!

**Celebrating
Faith, Friends and
Our 90th Anniversary!
Saturday, August 22, 2020**

**5:30pm Mass, Mission Church
Dinner, Mission Gardens/Adobe Lodge**



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| 1 | Mary Atwell | 18 | Vie Simi |
| 3 | Peggy Anastasia | 19 | Joanie Cattermole |
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SAVE THE DATES!!

- ◆ August 22, 90th Catala Club Anniversary
- ◆ October 21, Fashion Plates



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON-FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Three of our Catala Club Scholarship Recipients joining the celebration:

(left to right) **Xavier, Kyle and Mia**