



# Santa Clara University Catalá Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

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## President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

What a year we had in 2024-25. The month of May marks the ending of one Catalá Board and the beginning of the next! It is a time to thank our dedicated Board members who are rolling off, Kate Canessa, Laurie Hernandez, Ann Lindahl and Kris Stanga. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us. An extra special thank you to Joanie Cattermole, our outgoing President. Joanie always had a smile on her face and handled all meetings and events with energy and eloquence. Thank you for your numerous years of dedication to Catalá!!!

The 2025-26 Catalá Board was installed at our beautiful May Installation Mass with Fr. Jack Treacy. Cathy De Maria graciously coordinated the mass and installation while Fran Lowry was out. The music was beautiful and personal with Catalá members Mary Blaser singing and Glenda Rasmussen at the piano. We welcomed new Board members, Maureen Cronan, Mary McCurdy, Glenda Rasmussen and Nora Ritchey.

Many thanks to Julie Stone from the SCU Development Office for all her endless support of Catalá. She is off to a new endeavor, and she will be missed by all of us.

The climax of the year that followed Mass was the luncheon planned by Joanne Moul, Sue Davison and Charlene Raisch. Special guests were SCU President Julie Sullivan, Mike Wallace, Assistant Vice President, Constituent Relations, and four Catalá Scholarship recipients. Their stories noting how Catalá has changed their lives inspire all of us to keep fundraising and fun raising. Many are first generation college students who would not have had this opportunity without our Scholarship funding. We presented President Sullivan with a \$25,000 check, making our sum total annual scholarship funding \$100,000. Great job ladies!!!

Mark your calendars for our Summer Social on Saturday, August 23, at the home of Katy and Tom Kelly.

Have a safe summer,  
Nancy Tarantino

## Congratulations

### CATALÁ CLUB! 2025-26 OFFICERS

President	Nancy Tarantino
First Vice President	Leana Giannini
Second Vice President	Lisa De Lusignan
Secretary	Dianne Bonino
Treasurer	BC Gibbons
Historian	Mary Atwell
Immediate Past President	Joanie Cattermole

### 2025-26 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Two-Year Board (voting power)

Maureen Cronan	Fran Lowry
Sue Davison	Mary McCurdy
Cathy De Maria	Charlene Raisch
Joan Ferrari	Glenda Rasmussen

#### One-Year Board (voting power)

Rosanne Adona	Shannon Potts
Julie Jaroshenko	Georgia Schon
Katy Kelly	Mary Jane Vitkovich
Birdie Pacelli	

#### Advisory Board (no voting power)

Mary Conlon-Almassy	Joanne Moul
Debbie McBride	

#### Appointed by the President

Assistant Treasurer, Nora Ritchey  
Parliamentarian, Jeannie Mahan



**We joyfully welcome Pope Leo XIV—  
the first American pope in the history of the Church.  
May the Holy Spirit guide his leadership  
with wisdom, courage and compassion.**



**"With the light and the strength  
of the Holy Spirit,  
let us build a Church  
founded on God's love,  
a sign of unity,  
a missionary Church  
that opens its arms to the world,  
proclaims the Word,  
allows itself to be  
made "restless" by history,  
and becomes a leaven  
of harmony for humanity."**

**- Pope Leo XIV -**

(See Letter to the University Community from President Julie Sullivan and Father Matt Carnes, S. J., Page 5)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE**

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| June 14      | Undergraduate Commencement   |
| August 23    | Summer Party – Mass and Dinner<br>Home of Katy and Tom Kelly   |
| September 6  | Vintage Santa Clara<br>"Sip, Snack and Give Back"  |
| September 17 | Guest Speaker: Dr. Julie Sullivan<br>University President<br>Nobili Hall                                 |
| October 17   | Fashion Show & Luncheon<br>"Celebrating 95 years of Catalá Club"<br>DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, San Jose |

*God loves everyone.  
Evil will not  
prevail. We are all  
in the hands of  
God. So without  
fear united hand  
in hand we go  
forward.*

*- pope leo XIV*

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

**FROM THE DESK OF OUR  
SERVICE OUTREACH LIAISON,  
JOANNE MOUL**

***Project Linus, A Community Service Opportunity with SCU Belles Wrap-Up***

A group of Catalá women volunteered for a community service project and, as often happens, received so much in return. While working with the SCU Belles on Project Linus, we made blankets for needy children. In the process, we were privileged to meet some of our brightest, most poised, community service-minded SCU students. The Belles made the evening fun, even playing music from our era while we worked. Of course, having time for a good visit while working is always something Catalá women love to do. It was a fun, uplifting evening. We all walked away glad we had chosen to participate and proud of our Santa Clara Broncos.



## Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

Allison Abbott-Kline  
Susan Carter  
Sarah Christie  
Jinaye Conley  
Kim Crary  
Rosanna D'Costa  
Jane Guerra  
Veronica Hamstreet  
Bridget Ivanov  
Jeannie Mahan  
Silvia Scandar Mahan  
Susan Marquess

Mary Morris  
Trish Morse  
Joanne Moul  
Laura Norton  
Desiree Rogers  
Stephanie Rosas  
Father Rob Scholla, S.J.  
Samina Shetty  
June Stolz  
Father Jack Treacy, SJ  
Kathy Winkelman

**“Giving thanks warms the soul and reminds  
us that life is an extraordinary privilege. Joy  
doesn’t come from having, but from  
appreciating what we have.”**

**MATTHEW KELLY**



### FASHION SHOW INVITATION MAILING HELP NEEDED

The Invitation Committee is in need of volunteers to help assemble invitations for our October 17 Fashion Show. We will meet for probably about 2 hours in a room on the SCU Campus (time and date to be determined) in the early part of July. Our goal is for the invitations to be mailed by mid-July.

If you would like to help out, email Mary Jane Vitkovich at [mjvitkovich@hotmail.com](mailto:mjvitkovich@hotmail.com) by June 15. We will notify you once a date and time have been confirmed.

Thank you for contributing to our upcoming and exciting Fashion Show Fundraiser.

### Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

Learning for the Joy of Learning: OLLI is lifelong learning for adults - everyone is welcome. Instruction is at the university level with no particular educational background required. There are no tests, grades or papers. The classes you select may have some elective reading or other preparation. To participate in classes, you must be a member of OLLI.

Summer Quarter Classes Begin Monday, June 16  
Join OLLI

<https://mysantaclara.scu.edu/OLLI/Membership>

### FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Bronco Pantry Update by Sue Davison

Thank you, thank you to all who donated to The Bronco Pantry by purchasing opportunity drawing tickets at our May luncheon in Nobili Hall. We received \$260 in donations for the Bronco Pantry. Thank you all for your generous support!

It was such a pleasure to meet a few of our Catalá Club Scholarship recipients at the luncheon and so heartwarming to hear their stories and how appreciative they are of the education a Catalá Club Scholarship offers them.

The Bronco Pantry is another wonderful way we can support them. If you would like to make a donation over the summer months, please visit the Amazon Wish List from the QR code below. The Pantry will remain open to help students on campus.

Donations to the Food Insecurity Program at SCU may also be made via Amazon at Amazon Wish List. Please search "SCU Students: Food Insecurity at SCU" for the public wish list of items on Amazon.com or use the QR code below. Please select "Jason Fitzer 500 El Camino Real," as the mailing address. Gift Cards and purchases from the Amazon Wish List may also be dropped off at the Santa Clara University address noted above.



We extend our Prayers of sympathy and consolation  
to Allison Abbott-Kline  
with the passing of her mother, Frances

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health  
for

Pat DeMarlo; Joan Ferrari; Loydene Kiley;  
Bob Lowry, husband of Fran Lowry;  
Toni Gonzales, mother of Ann Lindahl;  
Lexie O'Keefe, mother-in-law of Leana Giannini;  
the mother of Kate Canessa;  
Bryan Raisch, husband of Charlene Raisch;  
Joanne Strickland;  
Jeanne Torre; Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán,  
for our SCU Community  
and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



A MESSAGE FROM  
**The Office of  
the President**



May 9, 2025

## **Election of Pope LEO XIV**

Dear members of the Santa Clara community,

One of our greatest treasures at Santa Clara is our shared mission, a mission that comes to us through our tradition of Jesuit, Catholic education. Through our participation in the life of the Church, we have found special inspiration and guidance in recent years from the life and ministry of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope. His words and actions resonated with us, encouraging us in our embrace of every member of our community, our desire to work for and with others, and our commitment to care for our common home.

We now rejoice at the election of Francis' successor, Pope Leo XIV. He is truly a pope from the Americas, born in the United States but formed as a priest and bishop by his work accompanying communities in the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru. His first words from St. Peter's Basilica and his first homily in the Sistine Chapel have expressed his commitment to a Church that brings God's peace into the world, lifting up ordinary people by testifying to God's unconditional love for all, and to a Church that finds special expression in care for the migrant, the refugee, and those marginalized in any way.

He has also emphasized his desire to continue the synodal path launched by Pope Francis, building a Church that listens and that finds meaningful words to speak to all people of good will, building bridges of understanding in our world. We share his desire to continue this synodal path, which recently found unique expression in our Jesuit School of Theology's Together at the Table conference held on the Mission Campus, allowing members of our community to dialogue and raise our hopes and concerns and contribute to the future path of our Church and world.

We look forward to learning more from, and about, Pope Leo XIV. Our Masses this Sunday in the Mission Church—at 10 a.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m.—will offer special prayers for him and his ministry as pastor of the Catholic Church, and we pray for all in our community that we may live more deeply the call we have received as the Santa Clara community. Pope Francis left us this year as a special Jubilee Year of Hope, and it is in that spirit of hope that we pray for Pope Leo XIV and all in our community.

Sincerely,

Julie Sullivan  
President

Matthew Carnes, S.J.  
Vice President for Mission and Ministry

It was a bitter sweet occasion at our **Annual Installation Mass and Luncheon** when we thanked our outgoing President, Joanie Cattermole, for her exemplary leadership over these last two years and welcomed our incoming President Nancy Tarantino, looking forward to her stewardship of our Catalá Club. At the luncheon, we presented President Julie Sullivan a check for \$25,000 for our Catalá Scholarship Endowment Fund, which brings our donation for the 2024-25 year to a grand total of \$100K. Way to go Catalá ladies!

Our special day began with Mass in the Mission Church celebrated by our Chaplain, Fr. Jack Treacy, S.J. Thanks to Father Jack and to all who were of service at the Mass, musicians Mary Blaser and Glenda Rasmussen; greeter Tina Corcorran; Lector Mary McCurdy; Eucharistic Minister Julie Stone; and Cathy De Maria; and special thanks to ALL who attended. We continued our celebration with a sumptuous and plentiful Mexican buffet lunch, joyfully shared by all in Nobili Hall. The highlight was hearing the four scholarship recipients who were able to join us speak about their journey to SCU and how appreciative they are for their Catalá scholarship. Hats off to Sue Davison, Joanne Moul and Charlene Raisch for a well-organized, colorful, delicious and festive luncheon!!



