

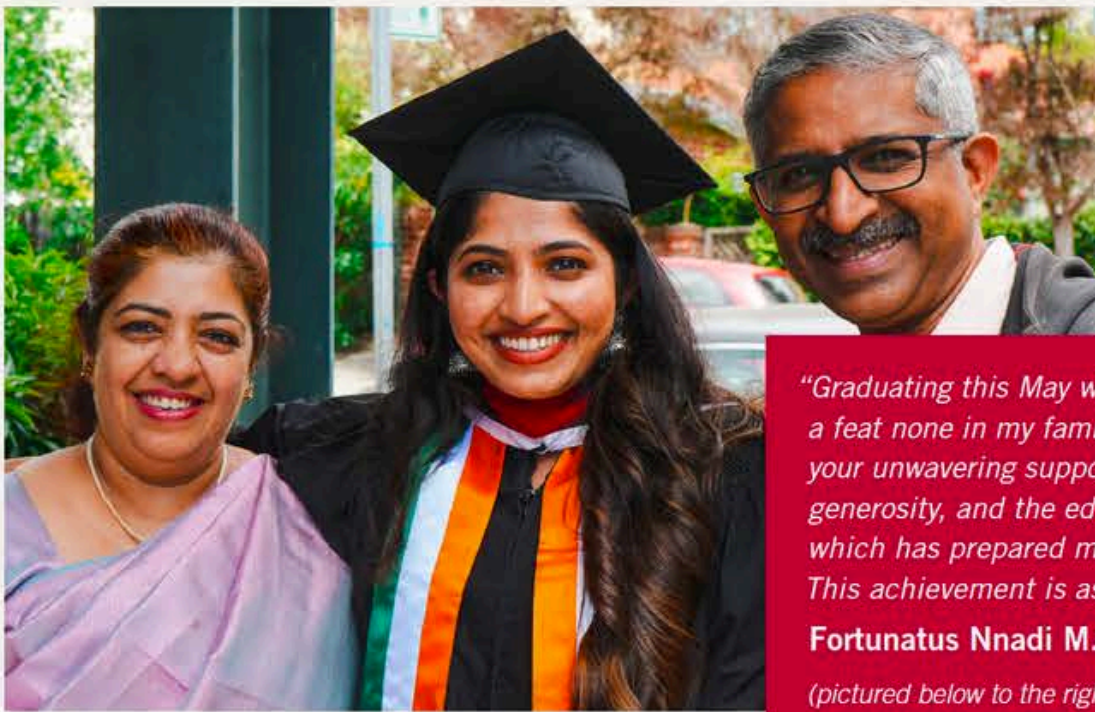


SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
JESUIT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



Becoming All God Imagines

Annual Report 2023–2024



"Graduating this May with a Master of Divinity degree, a feat none in my family achieved, is a testament to your unwavering support. I'm deeply thankful for your generosity, and the education I received from JST-SCU, which has prepared me for my ministry in Nigeria. This achievement is as much yours as it is mine."

Fortunatus Nnadi M.Div. '24

(pictured below to the right)

On a Transformative Journey

The Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (JST-SCU) embarked on a transformative journey this year, culminating in the approval of a bold new strategic plan. Christened "*En Camino*: The Strategic Plan for Becoming the JST-SCU Only God Can Imagine," it outlines an ambitious roadmap for the school's future. Speaking of the plan, Dean Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, S.J., said, "*En Camino* invites us to choose hope over fear and discover what God desires for us to become, rather than succumb to the limitations of what we hesitate to imagine." *En Camino* portrays the kind of school we want to become and focuses on lifting up people and building relationships.



Student Demographics

110 Students

74% Men **26%** Women

29% Lay, **46%** Jesuit, **25%** Other

49% International

43 Students received **56** degrees

Fundraising Total

\$1,354,899.55

FY24 # JST Gifts: **590**

FY24 JST Donor Count: **460**

FY24 JST Total Amount of Scholarships Awarded: **\$822,907**

100% of applicants who applied for a scholarship received an award

Global Impact

Dean Orobator's participation in the Synod on Synodality last year, at the invitation of Pope Francis, was a pivotal moment for JST-SCU. After returning from the month-long session in Rome, Dean Orobator and the JST-SCU leadership team secured grant funding for a year-long series of programming that facilitated synodal encounters at the local level, in the United States and internationally. One of the signature events of the series was a set of three virtual "Synodal Moments," hosted in collaboration with SCU's Division of Mission and Ministry, that featured conversations with distinguished guests on upholding the dignity and equality of all God's children, welcoming the gifts of women in ministry, and becoming an "all missionary synodal Church." At the end of the spring semester, Dean Orobator did a weeklong tour of Australia, in conjunction with the Jesuit Province there, that featured connections with students, local parishioners, ministers, and faculty members. Throughout the Synodal Journey, participants had the opportunity to engage with Synod delegates, voice their perspectives on the future of the Church, and engage in mutual learning and dialogue.



Deeper Integration with SCU

One of the key components of the new strategic plan is a deeper integration with Santa Clara University. The school has started exploring and discerning a potential relocation to the main campus, which would offer new opportunities for collaboration and synergy with other academic programs. The process is ongoing, with a final decision expected in January 2026.



A Community of Hospitality, Human Flourishing, and Ecclesial Belonging

During the spring semester, two major events fostered dialogue around the future of women's leadership in the Church. In February, Ellie Hidalgo, co-director of Discerning Deacons, spoke at a series of workshops that highlighted convergences and divergences with regard to women's leadership in ministry for and with the Roman Catholic Church in parish and educational settings.

In May, we hosted a gathering to make space for imagining the role of women in the future of the global Church. With keynotes and interactive break-out sessions, the event provided an opportunity for listening, dialogue, and building synodal bridges. One participant said of the event, "I felt the Spirit moving in our rejoicing, lamenting, and sharing together. I saw people share their wounding and vulnerability, offering them up for us to hold, feel, and explore. It reminded me of Jesus showing Thomas his wounds, laying them open for inspection, honoring our humanity so that we can move forward as whole beings in deeper faith."



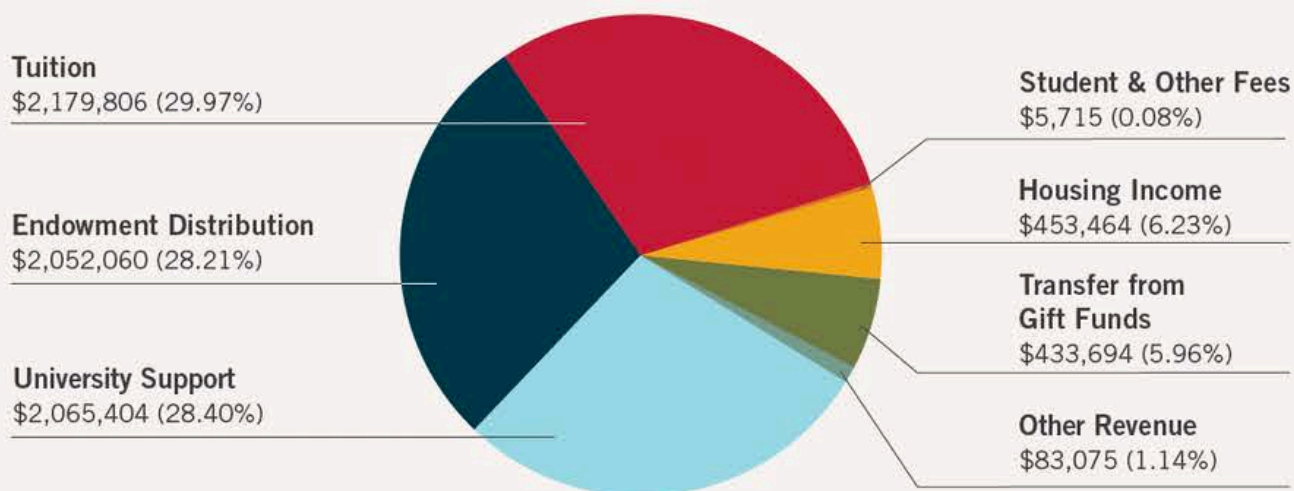
A Year of Momentum and Growth

The past year has been marked by significant growth and momentum for JST-SCU. The school has experienced a record number of applications, welcomed the largest incoming cohort post-COVID, and is moving forward with a renewed sense of purpose and energy regarding the new strategic plan, *En Camino*. Since its announcement, multiple major donors have come forward to voice their support. A notable example is a \$500,000 gift from Agnieszka Winkler and Art Lund, in conjunction with the Hugh Stuart Center Trust. Agnieszka is the Chair of JST-SCU's Board of Directors. Dean Orobator called her "a tireless and inspirational supporter and advocate for JST-SCU." This gift comes at a pivotal moment for the school and, along with a gift of \$350,000 from a private family foundation to support the launch of the Global Theology Initiative and a \$200,000 gift from the Jesuit Community of JST-SCU, serves as an important catalyst for *En Camino*. As Agnieszka pointed out recently: "The world is changing around us, the global Synodal Church is changing. Our entire JST-SCU family is excited and energized to respond to the needs of the people of God, the Society and the Global Church with fresh imagination to meet the challenges and opportunities of our time."

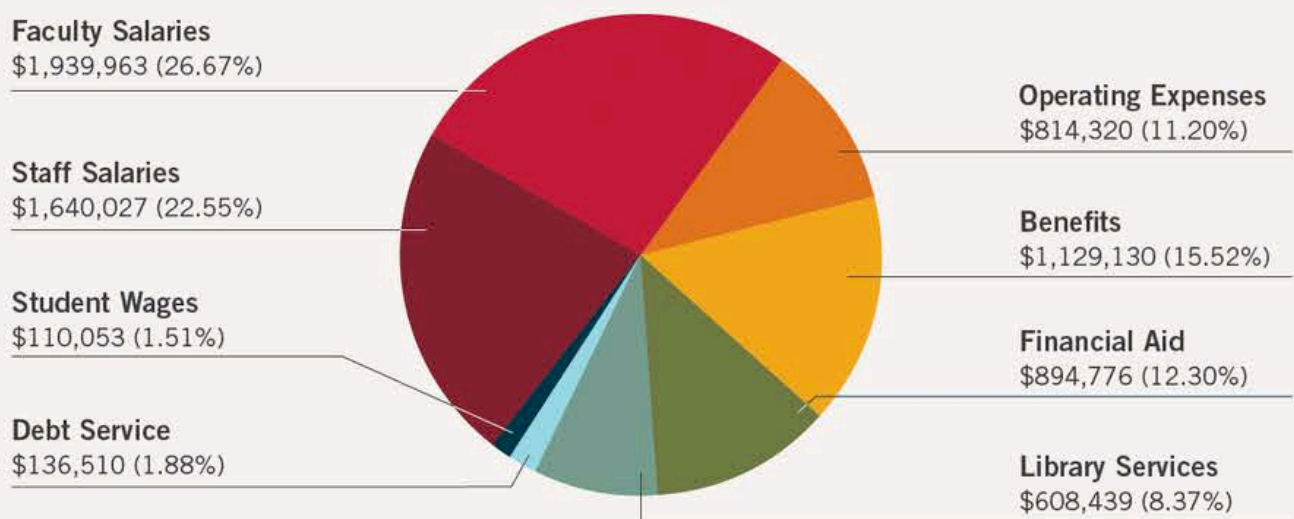
As we begin to implement *En Camino* we are elevating our academic contributions to theological education and ministerial formation on a global stage; we are exploring the full potential, opportunities, and promises of our identity as an integral part of Santa Clara University; we are building an affordable community where students, faculty, and staff belong, thrive, and succeed; and we are offering a compelling vision to those who will journey with and generously bless us with the gift of their time, talent, and treasure. JST-SCU offers sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to this shared mission.



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Expenses: \$7,273,218



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