Dear members of the SCU family,

It is with mixed emotions, that I write to share the news that at the end of this month, on July 31, the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, Gregory Dale Schultz, a member of the Campus Ministry team as Director of Liturgy and Music, will be leaving his position at Santa Clara University. He will be relocating to Connecticut to be nearer to his family. We are very sad to see him leave SCU, but we support him in his decision to relocate at these very unsettling times.

Greg arrived at Santa Clara 25 years ago (a quarter of a century!) and has been a familiar face at Sunday Masses in the Mission, at major liturgical events on and off campus, and at many other events. Trained in liturgy and music, he proposed introducing the center altar configuration for Sunday worship and, over the years, faithfully directed the Mission Choir.

Greg has composed a rich hymnody of psalms, chants and songs that have become a distinctive part of the Santa Clara worship experience. Most noteworthy of mention are the call to worship, “Come to the Quiet” that is a hallmark of worship at Mission Santa Clara, beloved by many; “Finding God, Falling in Love,” based on the prayer attributed to former General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ; and “We Are Prophets,” a song inspired by Saint Oscar Romero, composed following Greg’s participation in the 2005 SCU delegation to El Salvador.

Greg has also served as a spiritual director for numerous individuals, especially on Ignatian and Alumni retreats, as well as a mentor for members of the LGBTQ+ community, especially working with the Rainbow Resource Center and co-facilitating the Spectrum group focused on sexuality and spirituality. In coordinating the liturgical life for SCU, Greg has formed generations of students in “Breaking Open the Word” and servant leadership, and has been a beacon of joy and laughter in the office.

In addition to his work in Campus Ministry, Greg has supported numerous productions with the Theatre and Dance Department, directing the annual senior Charisma performances and composing original music for main stage shows ranging from “Trojan Women” with Fred Tollini, S.J. to “The Saint Plays” with Michael Zampelli, S.J. and Kristin Kusanovich. For all he has done during these many years, we sincerely give him thanks.

Unfortunately, an in-person farewell celebration is not possible, given the constraints imposed on us during this pandemic. I invite you, however, to join us in giving Greg a virtual Santa Clara University farewell as he transitions to living in Connecticut. The virtual celebration will take place on Sunday, July 26, beginning at 11:15am (this will enable people who will be watching the 10am Mass to transition to another venue).

To register for this event and add your words to an “e-card” for Greg, please use this link: https://bit.ly/GregSchultzfarewell

There will be a brief program at 11:30am. The program will end with a prayer of blessing for Greg as he transitions from the roses of the Mission gardens to the snows of New England!

With gratitude,
Dennis C. Smolarski, SJ
Director of Campus Ministry