



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

### President's Message –Charlene Raisch February 2021

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My Dear Catala Sisters and Friends,

Here we are in February – the month of friendship, love, Super Bowl Sunday, Groundhog Day, Presidents' Birthdays, American Heart Healthy Month and the beginning of our Lenten Season.

Many thanks to Laurie Hernandez for scheduling our January Zoom general meeting. Our guest speaker, Bob Gorini, a consumer fraud expert, gave us very important strategies for protecting ourselves from online fraud which has become an even greater threat with the advent of COVID19.

Our Nominating Committee was selected, with Board Members Katy Kelly and Dianne Bonino as appointed Chairs. Mary Almassy, Deborah McBride, Jeannie Mahan, Fran Lowry and Kathleen Nygard were elected members of the Committee. Julie Jaroshenko and BC Gibbons were elected as alternates. Please consider serving on our Board of Directors for 2021-2022. If you are interested in serving, please complete the questionnaire attached to this newsletter and return it to Katy or Dianne by February 8. We would be honored to learn you are interested in being considered. Or, if you know of someone who might be a qualified candidate, please let Katy or Dianne know. If you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee and offered a position, please accept! The Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday, June-September on Campus (normally). Meetings begin at 10 a.m. and average no more than two hours.

We were thrilled to learn that Father Kevin, our SCU President, was personally invited to con-celebrate the private Mass for President-elect Biden and guests the morning of his inauguration where he also gave the Homily. You can read the Homily in this newsletter.

**CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY 2020 UPDATE:** Once again, thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Cocktail Party! With 30% of our members donating, we have raised \$10,500 to be split equally between our Endowed Scholarship Fund and, the Bronco Food Insecurity Program. If you have not donated yet, please do so. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. Although the amount we have already raised is impressive, I would like to have 100% participation.

Stay safe and healthy! Continue to keep one another and our SCU family, faculty, staff, students and our Jesuit Community in your thoughts and prayers—in particular, Father Jack and Father Kevin.

I look forward to “seeing” you on Zoom February 17 - **Happy Valentine's Day to all! ♥**

Charlene Raisch, President

#### SCU CATALA CLUB ENDOWMENT SUMMARY AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2020

| <u>Name of Endowment</u>   | <u>Market Value as of<br/>June 30, 2020</u> | <u>Number of Students<br/>FY2021</u> | <u>Amount Distributed<br/>FY2021</u> |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| The Catala Club Endowed Scholarship in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kreuzer            | \$178,780.53                                | 1                                    | \$7,480.00                           |
| William Donnelly, S.J. Endowment   | \$267,126.42                                | 1                                    | \$11,140.00                          |
| Catala Club Endowment in memory of Annette Bertram                               | \$1,759,139.43                              | 2                                    | \$73,930.00                          |
| Paul Locatelli, S.J. Endowment   | \$1,344,139.61                              | 2                                    | \$56,190.00                          |
| Catala Club Endowment  | \$3,538,401.52                              | 5                                    | \$145,540.00                         |
| Catala Club Endowment in memory of Emma Shane Anderson                           | \$12,553,998.99                             | 17                                   | \$512,000.00                         |
| James L. and Eileen Murphy Endowed Fund  | \$3,675,593.85                              | 3                                    | \$140,260.00                         |
| The Santa Clara University Catala Club Michael E. Engh, S.J. Endowed Scholarship | \$134,912.87                                | 1                                    | \$3,610.00                           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b><u>\$23,452,093.22</u></b>               | <b><u>32</u></b>                     | <b><u>\$950,150.00</u></b>           |

(Average Award: \$29,692.19)



- 2 Patty Boitano
- 3 Virginia Rose
- 4 Cathy Avon
- 6 Mary Blaser
- 11 Lisa De Lusignan
- 12 BC Gibbons
- 12 Muriel Pusateri
- 13 Diane Ferrara
- 14 Elia Bonino
- 15 Ann Lindahl
- 19 Patti Denevi
- 22 Mary Jane Vitkovich
- 25 Cathy De Maria
- 25 Carolyn Ferrari
- 25 Roseann LaCoursiere

### **Our Sympathy and Prayers for Consolation**

To the family of Lifetime Member, Josephine Breen  
To Kim Loquaci on the passing of her father, Ken Keegan  
**Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health**  
for all afflicted with Covid-19.

### ***SPOTLIGHT Catala Club Member*** **ROSEANN LACOURSIERE**

#### ***Story from ABC7New/December 2020***

Roseann LaCoursiere had tried every big box store she could imagine, searching for the elusive XBOX X Series gaming system. The device, so rare, Microsoft even announced supply shortages until at least April 2021. So she emailed [7 On Your Side](#) (ABC7 News anchor Dion Lim and [7 On Your Side](#) consumer team producer Brinke Guthrie), looking for guidance on how to get her hands on one for the holidays for her daughter's children, her two grandsons, ages 12 and 13.

The brothers lost their father, a man who never smoked a day in his life, to lung cancer about a year ago. This past wildfire season, their home burned to the ground in the CZU Lightning Complex fires. The family evacuated and moved in with their grandma Roseann in Santa Clara.

The ABC7 News duo reached out to their network of contacts within Microsoft. Weeks went by until an email popped up just days before Thanksgiving. Microsoft wasn't about to steer Roseanne to how she could get on a waiting list. They would be providing her not only a brand new XBOX X Series for her grandsons, also \$200 to the Microsoft store and a year unlimited game pass for the console.

Under the guise of doing a follow-up story on recovering from wildfires, Dion headed to Santa Clara to meet with the LaCoursiere family and to surprise them with the good news. Half way through the interview, Dion stepped back. "I have a confession to make we are not actually here to do the story you think we are."

Hidden in what everyone thought was a camera bag...was the XBOX Series X. The entire family cheered, beaming behind their masks.

While an XBOX, certainly won't replace what this family lost...it acts as a symbol of hope. Roseann summed it up: "This is just absolutely wonderful, it brings tears to my eyes."

### **Meet Scholarship Recipient** **Michael Zetino**

I am writing from my hometown, Houston, Texas, where I am now living. I am a Computer Science and Engineering major, Class of 2023. I hope that this message finds you in safety and comfort through the unpredictable circumstances the world is currently in.

My freshman year in college has been full of many learning experiences and wonderful memories that I will cherish for a very long time. As an out-of-state student, I came to Santa Clara not knowing exactly what to expect. I did not know many other students, and I felt a little nervous about starting my new classes. Thankfully, I found a strong community, made friends easily and was greeted with a great support system through the LEAD Scholars Program for first-generation college students. I was also relieved to find much enjoyment in my major-specific courses, such as my programming courses, which have given me confidence and motivation to continue throughout the year and to stick with my initial interests in computer engineering.

The changes that have occurred due to COVID-19 at this point in the academic year have certainly called for some unexpected adjustments. I have become more comfortable with these changes over time. It took a good amount of coordination and effort to be able to move all my belongings from my dorm room to storage in a timely manner, and I am glad I was able to take care of that before my flight back home. It was also difficult, at first, for me to find ways to stay focused while taking online classes from home. I was used to taking full advantage of the many study spaces available around campus. I now have gotten more comfortable with doing my schoolwork here, trying my best to adapt my space at home to suit my needs.

As my freshman year comes towards its end, I am currently looking for new opportunities such as future internships or summer jobs that can give me some valuable experience or insight towards my career goals within the computer engineering field. I look forward to my second year at Santa Clara. I hope to become more involved in different clubs and activities that I might have missed out on this past year and to continue meeting new people.

I am sincerely thankful for all of the amazing experiences and opportunities that have been given to me through the James L. and Eileen Murphy Endowed Scholarship Fund. It has given me a lot of hope for my future and has allowed me to focus on the most important aspects of college life and education.

Thank you, Michael Zetino

## Mark Your Catala Zoom Calendar

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| February 17<br>11:30am | Jackie Schmidt-Posner, Director<br>of Community Fellows Program,<br>Leavey School of Business        |
| March 18               | Lenten Day of Reflection,<br>Father Jack   |
| April 21               | Dr. Rose Marie Beebe,<br>SCU Professor and author of<br>upcoming biography of<br>Father Magin Catala |
| May 19                 | Zoom Mass, Father Jack   |
| June 16                | Zoom Meeting; speaker TBD  |

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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August 21

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October 19

**Values are like fingerprints.  
Nobody's are the same, but you  
leave 'em all over  
everything you do.**

*Elvis Presley*

## Save The Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021! SCU's Annual Day of Giving!

**Please give to Catala Club on this Special Date!  
Your giving helps us give Scholarships to deserving  
SCU students! As you read our newsletters, you are  
made aware of our students who are grateful for our  
support as we continue to introduce them to you.**

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April 21!**

**PRAYER RECITED BY LAURIE HERNANDEZ  
AT JANUARY MEETING;  
REPRINTED BY REQUEST  
by Rev. Michael A. Zampelli, S.J.**

*Let's place ourselves in the presence of God —  
who created the heavens and the earth  
...who raised Jesus from the dead,  
...who binds us together in the Spirit  
across time and space.*

*And let us pray...*

*May we who are inconvenienced  
Always remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have few risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the possibility of working from home  
Remember those who must choose  
Between preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have some flexibility to care for our  
children  
When their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money  
In the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our world and our country, let us choose  
love.  
During this time when we cannot physically  
Wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be  
The loving embrace of God to our neighbors.  
Amen.*

*\*Adapted from "Prayer for a Pandemic"  
by Cameron Bellm*

**“The following is the homily President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris heard Wednesday morning (January 20) while attending Inauguration Day Mass at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, obtained by Religion News Service. It was delivered by the Rev. Kevin O’Brien, a Jesuit priest and president of Santa Clara University, a Catholic school.**

*Sixty years ago, John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic to become President of the United States, attended Mass on the morning of his inauguration, across town at Holy Trinity Church in Georgetown. Today, our President-elect and Dr. Biden have gathered family and friends to begin this inauguration day of another Catholic president in the same spirit of prayer and thanksgiving. As you have done so often in your public and private life and during the campaign, Joe and Jill, you ground this day in your faith and in the familiar readings and prayers of these sacred rituals.*

*Along with our Vice President-elect and her family, you come with humility and hope, asking God’s blessing and protection, God’s encouragement and strength as you serve our country. Our Lord delights in this holy desire to do good and responds with both a promise and a noble commission.*

*First, the noble commission.*

*The Gospel reading comes from St. Luke (chap. 4, verses 14-21), which is like Jesus’ inaugural address. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus goes home to Nazareth, visits the synagogue, and reaches deep within his Jewish tradition to tell his neighbors what his public life is about. Invoking the prophet Isaiah, which we heard in the first reading (chap. 58, verses 6-11), he promises to care for the poor, free the oppressed, and relieve people of their burdens.*

*I am sure that today’s inaugural address will be a bit longer than Jesus’ brief reading from the Jewish scriptures! But knowing the Bidens, I am confident that the substance of today’s inaugural address will echo Jesus’ message because your public service is animated by the same conviction to help and protect people and to advance justice and reconciliation, especially for those who are too often looked over and left behind, the people whose voices you raised in the campaign and throughout your public life. This is your noble commission. This is the divine summons for all of us, no matter our faith background or walk of life.*

*As you live out this mission as servant leaders, I also remind you of the Lord’s promise, so beautifully proclaimed in the second reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians (chap. 4, verses 4-9): “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. .... Then the God of peace will be with you.”*

*We have much to look forward to as a country because of your and Kamala Harris’ leadership. Every day, you will strive to heal our nation’s wounds and reconcile differences and bring us together. You know too well the challenges ahead and the cost of service. My deepest prayer for you today, as a priest, citizen and friend, is that you always remember that the Lord is near and no matter the sound and fury around you, that God wants to give you peace, a deep-seated peace that will sustain you.*

*Let all of us hear the good news today: The Lord is near, so no need to worry or to be afraid. One of the surest signs of God’s nearness to us are the people whom God sends our way. Joe and Jill, all the people whom you have gathered here in this cathedral — and so many more — love and support you, and will be with you as this new adventure in your life of service begins. Among this great assembly of family and friends are those close to you in the communion of saints in heaven, including your parents and your dear Beau. In the love of God that binds heaven and earth, they are with you today.*

*We can only imagine the prayers that Kennedy offered at Holy Trinity Church, six decades ago. Like theirs, our prayers today rise up to the God who promises to be with us and who gives us a noble commission to make this world a more just and gentle place.*

*When we embrace both our noble commission and divine promise, something remarkable happens. In the words of the prophet Isaiah which we heard: “the light shall break forth like the dawn.” After too much darkness, the dawn breaks today, this inaugural day. Let us meet the dawn together, brothers and sisters, emboldened by our faith and civic conviction, full of promise and hope”.*