



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez July 2021

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To the wonderful Catala Family,

Although the calendar tells us otherwise, for me, the Fourth of July holiday is always what marks the real start of summer. The fireworks celebrations, the picnics, happy vegetable gardens, being outdoors doing the things we love to do — this is for me the essential definition of summer. However you plan to spend it (any intrepid travelers out there?), enjoy!

We extend a warm Catala welcome to Father Sean Carroll S.J., who will be joining us later this month as the new head of the Jesuits West Province. He will succeed Fr. Scott Santarosa S.J. as the region's new Provincial. Fr. Carroll comes to us from Nogales, Mexico, where he has spent the last 12 years helping frightened immigrants navigate the daunting prospect of coming to the United States under the most challenging of circumstances. His bio is in this newsletter. We hope to have him come and speak to Catala at one of our general meetings once he has settled in.

Similarly, we extend another warm Catala welcome to Fr. Luis Calero S.J., a member of our own SCU Jesuit Community, who will succeed Fr. Art Liebscher S.J. as the Community's Rector at the end of the month. We give our deepest thanks to Fr. Liebscher for all of his leadership in the Community, and most especially for leading our beloved Jesuits in the Residence safely through the public health crisis of the last 18 months. Not an easy job, to be sure.

On July 21 we are honored to host Silvia Scandar Mahan as our guest speaker. She is the new president of Cristo Rey High School in San Jose and she will share with us the many amazing things happening there (including 7 graduating seniors who will arrive at SCU in the fall!). In addition, we will have the honor of being joined by Father Peter Pabst S.J. — as you may know, he is the founding president of the school, is its current chancellor, and remains a longtime beloved member of the SCU family. This should be a fun meeting!

I am delighted to announce that Acting SCU President Lisa Kloppenberg will again be our guest speaker at our September general meeting. Her talk last year on the “state of the university” was such a hit that we could not resist inviting her again. Please join us via zoom for this if you can.

In other exciting news, we are moving ahead with a documentary film which celebrates the history of the Catala Club through the decades. This is meant to complement our 90th (now 92nd) anniversary celebrations. The film will be done by highly regarded documentary filmmaker and SCU professor Michael Whelan, who will actually turn this into a filming class for students in the fall quarter, using Catala as the subject. For perhaps the first time in Catala's history, your board has formed a Film Committee — a small but mighty group of ladies whose role will be to help the group with Catala history and to facilitate introductions to people who the team might want to interview. If you are lucky enough to receive one of these phone calls, I hope you will say yes!

Happy summer!

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez
President 2021-2023





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**A Very Special, Well-Deserved
Birthday Celebration
for our Father Jack!**



Our Heartfelt Sympathy to Lois Anderson with the passing of her brother, Charles Cotton.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Tom Kelly (Katy's husband), Loydene Kiley, Pat DeMarlo, Lexie O'Keefe (Leana Giannini's mother-in-law) and for all victims of injustices.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

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August 28

Reminder!

**Your Catala Dues (\$40) is due!
See enclosed Dues Reminder
from Katy Kelly, 2021 Membership Chair**



Father General Arturo Sosa, S.J., leader of the Society of Jesus, has named Father Sean Carroll, S.J. to serve as the next Provincial of the Jesuits West Province. Father Carroll, former Executive Director of the Kino Border Initiative (KBI), a binational humanitarian aid ministry serving migrants on both sides of the U.S-Mexico border, assumes his new role July 31, 2021, the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Father Carroll succeeds Father Scott Santarosa, S.J..

Father Santarosa said, "Sean and I have known each other for many years going back to our novitiate days. Even as a young man, it was clear that Sean possessed great spiritual depth and was someone who was committed to the Jesuit ideal of standing with the excluded. In the years since and, especially as evidenced during his long tenure at the Kino Border Initiative, Sean has become a respected leader, administrator, bridge builder and collaborator, known by all for his kind heart."

Father General said: "Humble and zealous, Father Carroll . . . (knows) how to work across the many borders that can divide civil society and sometimes even the Society of Jesus. Sean Carroll listens well to Jesuits, to the women and men with whom and for whom we work, and above all to the Spirit. Ignatius might call him a person of *discreta caritas*, a person of discerning love."

Father Carroll earned a History degree from Stanford, a Master's degree in Philosophical Resources from Fordham, a Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology; he was ordained a priest in 2000 and completed the final stage of Jesuit Formation, tertianship, in São Leopoldo, Brazil, professing final vows in the Society of Jesus in 2010.

MARK YOUR ZOOM CALENDAR . . .

- July 21 Silvia Scandar Mahan, President and CEO, Father Peter Pabst, S.J., Chancellor, Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School
- August 18 Charlie White, Director, Mission Church
- September 15 Lisa Kloppenberg, SCU Acting President

Congratulations

to Father Luis Calero, S.J.
Santa Clara University
Jesuit Community Rector
effective July 31 2021!



Meet our July Guest Speakers . . .



Silvia Scandar Mahan is a native of Miami, Florida and the proud daughter of Cuban and Egyptian immigrants. She holds a BA in Economics from Harvard College and a JD from Georgetown Law.

Silvia shares, “I am humbled and blessed to have an opportunity to serve Cristo Rey San José students and their families. In this time of significant challenges for our community, I look forward to walking together in faith and hope. Cristo Rey is a beacon for our valley, showing us all what is possible as we seek a more just world that recognizes the true potential of all students.”

The following is an excerpt from a letter to the students that Silvia wrote in April “Our role as educators is to help you learn about and make sense of the world around you. . . . As a Jesuit, Catholic community, we are called to discern what is good so that we may work for a more just & loving world. As future leaders of our community, you will be called on to solve problems like the ones we are facing today, as well as new ones we cannot yet even anticipate. We need your curious minds, open hearts, thirst for justice, and resolve for reconciliation. Our promise to you now is that we will listen, we will learn with you, we will grapple with challenging concepts together and we will be your partners in pursuit of a better world.”



Father Peter Pabst, S.J. grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1974, graduated from Gonzaga University and began teaching at Bellarmine College Prep in 1981.

After theology studies in Berkeley, Father Pabst was ordained in 1986 and was assigned to Santa Clara University. While at SCU, he earned a Master’s in Counseling Psychology, worked in the student counseling center, served as Minister of the Jesuit Community and directed the Resident Ministry Program.

In 1993, Father Pabst was appointed Rector of the Jesuit Community at Brophy Prep in Phoenix where he taught psychology and chaired the Counseling Department. He left Brophy in 1999 and began studying the Jesuit middle school programs that had been opening across the country.

In the Fall of 2000, Father Pabst was appointed President of Sacred Heart Nativity School for Boys in the Washington-Gardner neighborhood of San José and launched the school in August of 2001. In 2006, Our Lady of Grace Nativity School for Girls was opened on the same campus. In 2014, he was the founding president of Cristo Rey San José Jesuit High School in East San José. Currently he serves as Chancellor raising money and friends for the school.

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★ Congratulations
to Nancy Tarantino!
★ Happy Retirement!!

A colleague of Nancy writes:

“It’s an end of an era! Thank you for being our beautiful, faithful, fearless— friend, colleague and mentor—you have inspired our souls and touched our hearts. Always know a truly great colleague is hard to find. . . .difficult to part with. . . .impossible to forget. Thank you **Nancy Tarantino** for all you have done and for all you have given to Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton.”

What a Tribute!!

OLLI Virtual Estate Planning Workshop

You're invited to attend the OLLI Virtual Estate Planning Workshop on Friday, July 16th from Noon to 1:00 p.m., "An Introduction to Estate Planning."

Although the term "Estate Planning" can mean many different things, most of us recognize that we need to do some sort of planning to avoid any ambiguity and ensure that our loved ones are taken care of. At this workshop, you'll receive answers to the following big questions:

What is Estate Planning?

Why should I have an estate plan?

What are the key documents essential for everyone?

Planning and documenting your affairs or estate planning is complex and involves many considerations. An estate planning expert will provide you with a broad overview of what goes into the estate planning process and will then take time to answer questions.

The format is quite simple; our speaker Charles H. Packer, an SCU Alum and a member of the law firm, Hopkins Carley will spend 20-30 minutes providing you with an overview of estate planning including examples of how the process works. For the remaining time, he will answer any questions you may have. You will be our guides – so don't be shy about bringing your questions.

This is a FREE Workshop over Zoom. Please feel free to share this invitation with your family and friends, **but except for couples, each must register separately.** Contact Grace Perez, gperez@scu.edu 408/554-2382

To paraphrase 2021 Valedictorian
Haley Howard '21

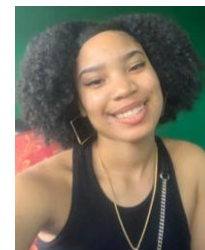


Immerse yourself in what philosopher Jonathan Lear calls "radical hope." Radical hope is not passive; it is rooted in advocacy and fighting for what we believe in. It is distinctive because it requires action – it requires courage, daring to imagine what the future might mean; radical hope refuses to cower and it is resilient.

"Be courageous enough
to remain radically hopeful."

MEET ALISHA BURCH

One day, a 17-year-old girl from a secluded city named Greenwood in the state of Mississippi stumbled across a beautiful college during a break period at her church. Her first thought was that it would be nice to attend such an establishment, but that could only be a distant dream.



That girl was me, Alisha Burch, a first-year Undeclared Major pursuing chemistry.

After that, I unconsciously added Santa Clara to my college list and was able to get in! I still have the video of me screaming in disbelief about my acceptance. The issue arose when I asked the question of what's next? I knew Santa Clara was expensive and out of my reach due to the income of my widowed mother and me being accepted was just not enough in my opinion. My mother works hard, but there's only so much she can provide with a job as a custodian. At the moment Santa Clara still was a distant dream.

However, the scholarship I received from you woke me up from that dream and snapped me into reality. You gathered something completely out of my grasp and placed it in front of me. You gave me an opportunity! You believed in me even though I come from a city where education is underfunded and people hardly consider attending college. You saw something in me that allowed me to attend Santa Clara. Now, there may be times when I doubt my abilities as a college student, but those thoughts are quickly washed away when I think of how you never doubted me! I will believe in myself just as you did and I will take on as many challenges that are thrown my way.

At first, you were my only support, but now I have many others who encourage me that I can do amazing things as well. The people in this city, who once thought there wasn't a way to leave, are now pushing me to get out and see the beauty of the world while making a change. My mother no longer has to worry about how to make ends meet from helping me pursue a higher education which is good for her mentally. Although we're online, I've gotten along with my professors and bonded with many students. When I return to campus, there are so many people that I'm excited to meet. Hopefully, I even have the opportunity to meet you!

There was no coincidence that I stumbled upon this college while attending church, instead, there was a plan already set in motion by God. This plan was possible because you pushed me to become a better version of myself. I will not let you down! I will take this blessing you bestowed upon me and show you that you made the correct decision. I'm truly grateful for all you've allowed me to accomplish and pursue and I'll never forget your kindness!

Sincerely,

Alisha Burch

