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John Paul the Great Catholic University Receives Accreditation

ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA (March 6, 2015) – John Paul the Great Catholic University (JPCatholic) is proud to announce it has been granted accreditation by the **WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)**.

Accreditation demonstrates that JPCatholic meets rigorous standards, possesses the resources, policies, and practices to achieve its educational goals, is committed to student learning and success, has provided evidence of the quality of its educational programs, and is contributing to the public good. The Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) is one of six regional associations that accredit public and private schools, colleges, and universities in the United States. WASC accredits 170 colleges and universities in California, Hawaii and the Pacific, with 9 institutions in candidacy for accreditation.

“Achieving accreditation is a critical milestone for JPCatholic. It marks a coming of age, a validation by our peers from the higher education community, and begins a new decade of growth towards significance measured by our graduates’ ability to impact culture for Christ. It delivers on an essential promise made to our students, their parents, and benefactors. It is a confirmation of the unwavering resolve and commitment of the faculty, staff and trustees to fulfill a vital institutional goal,” said President Derry Connolly in his announcement to the student body. He continued, “Seeking regional accreditation from WASC, a premier accrediting agency, has been a strategic priority for JPCatholic since our founding in 2003. The long journey began just after the University opened, when in late January 2007 we applied to begin the process. Now, eight-years later, it has reached a successful conclusion. Praise God!”

JPCatholic is a visionary teaching institution dedicated to molding students into future innovators and creators, leaders and entrepreneurs, and its mission is to graduate students ready to “Impact Culture for Christ.” The founders, inspired by the writings of Pope Saint John Paul II, have pursued a vision to create a world-class University offering degree programs at the intersection of the Creative Arts, Business, and Theology, deeply rooted in a Catholic liberal arts foundation.

JPCatholic offers two undergraduate degrees in Communications Media and Business with eleven different areas of emphasis, as well as an MBA in Film Producing and an MA in Biblical Theology. In September 2013, the University moved from its initial campus in Scripps Ranch to a permanent campus in historic downtown Escondido.

For more information on the University, please visit <http://www.jpatholic.com/accredited>

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