



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

2023

FALL
QUARTER





ORIENTATION 2023

We welcomed the Class of 2026 with a jam-packed week of activities ranging from a scavenger hunt race throughout downtown Escondido, to a lively field day filled with games to familiarize incoming freshmen with each other. With stories from upperclassmen and an orientation Mass to inaugurate the quarter, our freshman class was introduced to the spirited and warm culture that defines JPCatholic!



INTO THE DEEP

FALL RETREAT

The Into the Deep Retreat is a new retreat created specifically for the students of JPCatholic. The phrase serves a two-fold purpose:

1.) to go beyond the surface of our person to search the depths of our hearts as well as 2.) to dive deeper into the life of our community. Inspired by the quote of our school's patron, St. Pope John Paul the II, *"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch,"* this retreat responded to the great gifts we saw surfacing among our student body.



From creative talents like acting and playing musical instruments, to their leadership abilities, and ministering to each other through hospitality, joy and friendship, we wanted to provide a way for our students to dive deeper into their gifts;. Whether a team member giving talks, cooking, performing or cleaning, or retreatant sharing smiles & joy, IDR paved a way for our students to tangibly impact campus culture for Christ by first experiencing & receiving His love, then by sharing that love by using their gifts to serve one another.



"Co-leading the first Into the Deep retreat was an unforgettable experience— I continue to be in awe of the ways the Lord continues to move among us here at JPCatholic! The Lord stretched me in ways I've never been stretched before, but He also blessed me in ways I've never been blessed before. It was an incredibly fruitful and fulfilling process and an absolute honor to love and serve the JPCatholic community in this way!"

– Maya Hajdu, Senior



ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA, PRAY
FOR US!



"I had so much fun partying at the Halloween dance! My favorite song they played was Thriller! Shout out to the winners of the costume contest!! Can't wait to do it all again next year!"

- Pelly the Pelican



Costume Contest Winners



HALLOWEEN DANCE



ALL SAINTS' DAY FESTIVAL





JPCatholic's Theater
Production Presents

Anton Chekov's

UNCLE VANYA

"Being a part of our production of Uncle Vanya was such a wonderful experience. Getting to know my character and explore the story every day and in rehearsal was so much fun. I'm so grateful to my amazing cast mates/friends for making this experience unforgettable and to our amazing directors & crew for their dedication and patience."

- Mary Dalessandro, Senior





Class of 2024 takes the win!



CHRIST THE KING CUP

"It was a fun time to be with friends and faculty and to see everyone have a good time enjoying the event. As a member of the Senior team, I'm grateful that my team played well and that we were able to win the Christ the King Cup. Thank you to the school and the faculty for giving my team and I this opportunity."

- Mark Pagaduan, Senior



FEATURE FILM *Pitch Night*



"The Feature Film Pitch Night was a great opportunity to pitch in front of a panel and judges, as well as the student body! I was not expecting so many people to get so excited about my story, and that enthusiasm will be encouraging in the rewriting process.

The Feature Film pitch night was a great experience because of the mutual support that all of the writers have for each other. I had the privilege of reading these stories in their early stages, and I am thrilled for how far they have come. I can't wait to see how these films further develop!"

– Anna Engel, Senior





EUCCHARISTIC *Film Fest*

Students were given the opportunity to compete for prizes of up to \$5,000 through the creation of films that aimed to "make Jesus more known, loved, and adored in the Eucharist." Congratulations to freshman, Jozef Raiche, for winning with his film, "Kairos!"



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Student Government spread some holiday cheer by hosting a Christmas Movie Night before the quarter finished up! Students had a hand in choosing the movie played, voting for their holiday favorite upon arriving for the event.



Popcorn and hot cocoa were enjoyed by students as they watched the movie chosen, *The Polar Express*!



CLUB

HIGHLIGHTS



SKATEBOARDING
CLUB



SPORTS CLUB



SWING DANCE
CLUB

"Swing Dance Club is a small community of JPCatholic students who love to dance and learn! We push each other to socialize with others, discover new moves and styles of dancing, teach others, and introduce new friends to the art of swing dancing. Despite busy schedules, people make time to be part of our club and community, and it's been a blessing to see it grow and evolve into friendships! We're looking forward to next quarter. Feel free to join us!"

- Luca Hoang, Senior

CLUB

HIGHLIGHTS



HIKING CLUB



SYMPOSIUM
CLUB



GAMING CLUB

Thank you to all of the clubs for providing students with an opportunity to get involved on campus!

Art Club | DnD Club | Frassati Hiking Club | Gaming Club | Improv Club | International Club | Pro-Life Club | San Diego Adventure Club | Sports Club | Swing Dance Club | Symposium Club | Visual Arts Nexus Club | Volleyball Club | Skateboarding Club | Symposium Club | Visual Arts Nexus Club | Volleyball Club | Skateboarding Club

MINISTRY

HIGHLIGHTS

Adoration | Altar Server |
Choir | Lectio Divina | Lector |
Light of the East | Praise &
Worship | Pelicane
Traditiones | Sacristans |
Women's Bible Study



COMPLINE



PELICANES
TRADITIONES



WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY



LECTOR
MINISTRY

Thank you to all of the ministries for promoting the development of a spiritual life on campus and for all of your efforts to help keep the sacraments running smoothly.

Household Life

Men's Groups



Young
Augustines



Meet the Households at JPCatholic! Students can join one of the four households offered on campus to grow on both a human and spiritual level with their peers. Through common shared devotions, weekly group obligations, and fun activities, men and women are enriched through these small communities. Be on the lookout for more households starting in the winter quarter!



Brothers of
the Fiat

Household Life

Women's Groups

Mariposas of Guadalupe



In Corde Suo



more events to remember:

thank you to everyone that helped put on the events this
quarter!!

Ice Cream Social | Into the Deep Retreat | JPil Feast Day | Halloween
Dance | All Saints' Day Festival | Eucharistic Procession | Christ the
King Cup | Christmas Movie Night | Monday Madness



JPII FEAST DAY FESTIVAL



Dean of Students, Eleazar Palma, announced the arrival of a relic of Pope St. John Paul the Great at our JPII Feast Day Celebration. The relic is *ex indumentis*, a piece of JPII's papal garment, and was donated to the university this year by Bishop Paolo De Nicolò, who served under John Paul II in the Prefecture of the Papal Household.

"It is such a blessing to finally have a significant relic of Pope St. John Paul the Great on our campus. This will bring our community here so much closer to our patron! We are very thankful to Bishop Paolo De Nicolò for bestowing us with this honor!"

-Eleazar Palma, Dean of Students



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Altar Server Ministry, led by student Angelo Riodique, planned a Eucharistic procession in celebration of the feast of Christ the King. Students and faculty processed our Lord along Grand Avenue before returning to campus for Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE





FALL 2023





INTERESTED IN STARTING A CLUB OR MINISTRY?

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
CAMPUS EVENTS & CLUBS



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