

Spring Quarter



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# Student Life Newsletter

## First Annual Peli Con Held



The last Sunday of the quarter, the Feast of the Ascension, the first annual PeliCon was held. Peli Con, molded after San Diego's Comic Con, is a JPCatholic student expo that highlights the different areas of study on campus and brings in speakers from various fields to inspire students. In the morning, there was a panel discussion for the student film *You Gave Me Flowers*. This was followed by multiple major-related talks for students given both in-person and virtually. These included one on self-teaching, one on game development and creativity, and one on sacred art.



### Spirituality



With adoration, mass, and a retreat, spirituality continues to be a pillar at JPCatholic.

### Community



Friendships continue to strengthen between students.

### Events



Spring Quarter had many events, including a Formal.

## PeliCon Con't

Throughout the morning and afternoon, student vendors displayed their artwork. At 1, lunch was served, and drawings held for items from a venus flytrap to a watermelon. Mass was followed by a Eucharistic procession around multiple blocks, then a talk by Karlo Brouard, Catholic Answers Apologist, on why religion matters.



*Photo Credit: John Vasquez*

## Ice Cream & Karaoke

Ice cream and entertainment? Yes please. Spring Quarter saw not one but two Ice Cream Socials with Sing Along. One occurred around the same time as University Day, and one was on the first day of school to kick off the quarter.

*"The Ice Cream Social is really fun because there is free ice cream, which is a combo of two of my favorite things-- ice cream, and free food."*

*-- Anonymous*

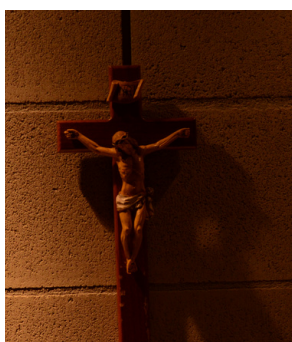


## Silent Retreat



At the beginning of Holy Week, over thirty students attended a silent retreat preached by Miles Christi (the religious order) focusing on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Arriving Friday afternoon, students said a rosary, attended Mass, then proceeded to their first silent meal. Though the students were silent during meals except for the recitation of prayers, an audiobook either of St. Therese's *A Story of a Soul* or *The Imitation of Christ* would be on in the background, followed by Gregorian Chant. Fr. Claude and Fr. Paul alternated preaching the exercises, of which there were ten. Each exercise was followed by fifteen minutes of meditation, then usually a bit of free time for students to walk around and meditate further on the points of meditation. The first exercise focused on the First Foundations, that is, the ultimate end of man and creatures.

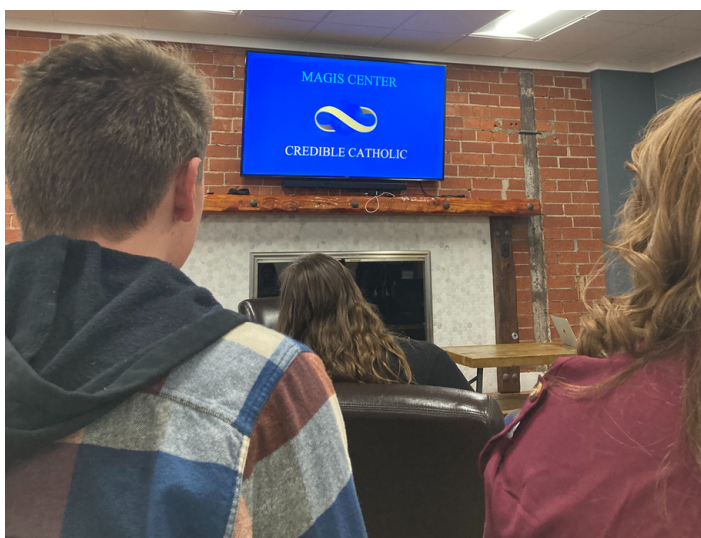
The last event of the retreat was Palm Sunday Mass. Everyone processed from behind the dormitory into the small chapel, while Sophia Sariego and Mikaela Addams sang the Hosannah. Fr. Claude and Fr. Paul concelebrated, and the altar servers read the other parts of the narrative gospel. After Mass, people eagerly began to greet one another as they realized they could talk again!





## Lenten Talks

We began Spring Quarter in the middle of Lent. To help enrich student's Lenten journey, Fr. Sarfraz gave a talk on the seven last words of Jesus, and we had a guest speaker, Dr. Scott French, who spoke about the Shroud of Turin.



## Easter at JPCatholic

For the first time in recent JPCatholic memory, Easter Mass was celebrated in Classroom M. Many students also went to Fr. Keyes' Ordinariate Parish, St. Augustine of Canterbury, for the Triduum. For Easter week, a multitude of events from a barbecue to a bake-off were planned.

*Top Right: Classroom M on Easter.*

*Bottom Right: bake-off judges Amaris, Angelika, and Emmanuel looking their pickiest. First prize went to Ryan Carrol for his banana bread.*

*Below: 24 Hour Adoration, Metanoia*



## Adoration

Encouraged by the success of last quarter, Adoration Ministry pushed for another 24 Hour Adoration at the end of Easter Week. In addition, we held another Metanoia, with Fr. Corey speaking on the relation between St. Joseph and Easter.

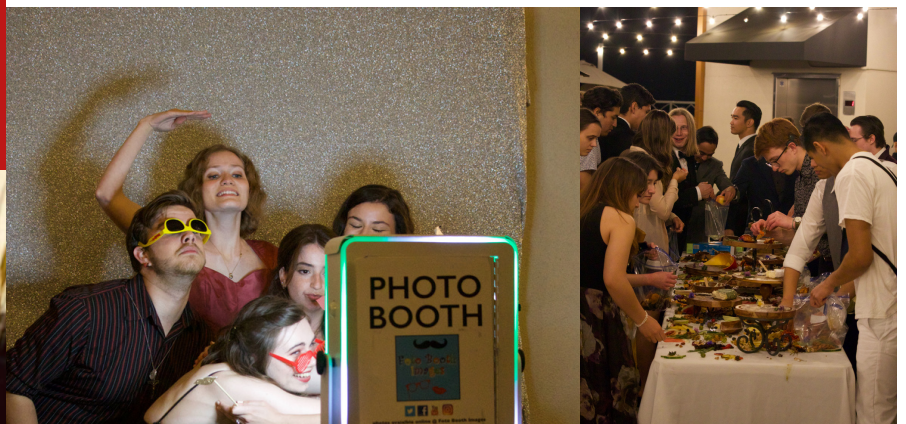
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*Photo Credit: Margaret Alvine*



## Spring Formal

"Rooftop views, food, dancing, photo booth, and more!" Thus was promised, and thus indeed was delivered at the Spring Formal. Students had composed their own playlist by sending in their favorites, and they soon filled the dance floor. When not dancing, attendees played cornhole and jenga with new, JPCatholic custom made pieces (Thanks, Emmanuel and Keyana!) They also flocked to the photo booth (Thank you to Mr. Zumaya!) and took silly group pictures with props.



*A huge thank you to John Vasquez for taking pictures! If you have any great pictures, send them to John for his yearbook project, and be sure to follow @jpcustudentgov.*



## JPCatholic's Got Talent

Based off of America's Got Talent and similar to two previously popular events, Coffee House and Fall Quarter's Battle on Broadway, JPCatholic's Got Talent drew students from all classes and majors. The entire evening was a spectacular show of talent. There was dancing, singing, stand-up, and violin and fiddle. Genevieve Pride won with her Irish Fiddle, and other finalists included Simon Homer dancing and Jaden Doyle with stand-up. We are so thankful to our judges, Fr. Sarfraz, Kaitlyn Slater, and Professor Polhamus. Thanks to John Vasquez, and the broadcasting club, the performances were livestreamed so that those unable to attend could tune in live or watch the recording.



*"It was the most joy-filled night. I loved seeing the families there. It was so fun, and the students were all so talented and so supportive of each other. I was also very grateful that the judges provide helpful feedback, and what a great way it is for us to get to know our fellow students!"*

*--Genevieve Pride*



*Business Students give a panel presentation during JPCatholic Day*

*"I loved being able to listen to what the students and faculty had to say about where JPCatholic is going in the future.*

*I'm very excited to see our school continue to grow and our programs continue to improve!"*

*--Maya Hajdu*

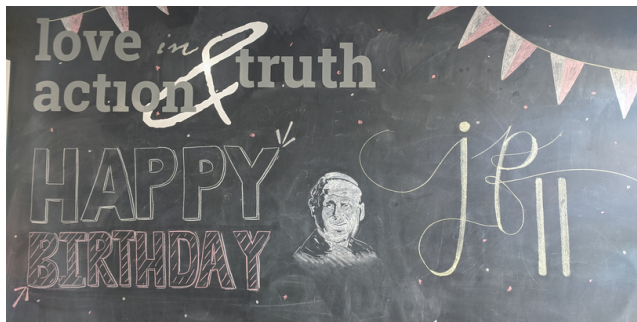
## JPCatholic Day

Families of students were invited, and many came to participate in a day showcasing what we do here at JPCatholic. Our Facebook page reads: "It was wonderful to see so many different parts of our university community on campus together - alumni, parents, students, faculty, benefactors - to celebrate the vibrant creativity, faith, and leadership from our students and faculty." The day included an art show, a sneak peak of Professor Scoggin's feature film, acting, humanities, and business presentations, and ended with mass in Pelican Bay.



## JPCatholic Gala

JPCatholic's Scholarship Gala was a big hit this year. It raised more money for scholarships than any previous gala. The Gala was an event focused on JPCatholic's future, food and student performances. With musical performances from Simon Michael, Bridget Baker, Alan Hewitt, Mikaela Adams, Lily Blando, Anna Orduna, Josue Garnica, and with dances choreographed by Ava Ludwig.



## Happy Birthday, JP II!

May 18th was John Paul the Second's Birthday! We celebrated after Mass in the Student Life Center with Polish Perogies and birthday cake. Happy Birthday to our Patron!

## *Ground to be broken for Academic Complex*

One announcement during JPCatholic Day that made students very excited was that renovations for the new Creative Arts Academic Complex will begin in the Fall Quarter! The new complex will be in the building behind the 155 Academic Building. Go to <https://jpcatholic.edu/giving/index.php> for more information!





## Changes

*Campus Life Team Member Andrew Innoue Graduated at the end of this quarter, and Student Life Team Member Eleazar Palma switched departments to work full time with the feature film.*

**Congratulations, Andrew!** Andrew Innoue, active club leader, club coordinator, and Campus Life Team member, graduated at the end of Spring Quarter. Andrew said of his time here: "There has been so much that has brought me joy from JPCatholic, even helping me start up my own studio, but the thing that brought me the most happiness was the community itself! Since day one, I have been surrounded by such great people, and because of that, I wanted to share the joy they gave me to the rest of the school! I've become both an RA and CLT member, just so I can share the love of the school with other students! Not only that, but I have also ran the gaming club, anime club, and cooking club, providing what I love with the students around me!"

And Congratulations to Luca Hoang, the new CLT member and Club Coordinator!



*"Andrew Innoue has been a great asset to JPCatholic. It has been an honor to work with him the past few years. He has been a fantastic RA, club leader, club coordinator, and campus life team member. He will be in our prayers as he goes off to impact culture for Christ."*

*--Director of Student Life  
Cassidy Loera*

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## Club Notes

### **Improv Showcase**

Improv Club, led by Bernadette Timson and Isabelle Peterson, put on a much-anticipated (at least by club members) improv showcase. Most of the club members have been part of the club for at least three quarters if not longer, and they had a blast showing their friends some crazy scenes.

### **Bash n' Clash**

The Bash n' Clash was an event put on by the JPC Dance Club and Swing Dance Club. An event similar to the Casual Bop that had a twist: dance competitions! We had three competitions, consisting of an Improv Freestyle, a Prepare Choreography, and a Swing Dancing Categories and cash prizes for the winning contestants, determined by Student Government President John Vasquez and the club leaders in attendance.



*Above: Donovan Bakin, Patrick Schloss, and Caleb Kramer demonstrate the improv game Tarantino.*



