



INTRODUCTION (ABOUT US)

STARTED WITH A VISION

The late Monsignor Mateo Sheedy saw the children of his parish struggle to finish high school, so he envisioned a transformative middle school to provide access to teachers and an inspiring curriculum that prepares students to succeed in college-prep high schools. His dream school would provide the academic, spiritual, and emotional support needed to break the cycle of poverty through education. In early 2000, Fr. Mateo invited a Jesuit priest, Fr. Peter Pabst, S.J. to undertake the project, bringing with him the **Nativity** model of education.

NATIVITY MODEL INFLUENCED BY JESUIT TEACHING

As we celebrate our 21st year, Our Lady of Grace and Sacred Heart Nativity Schools remain the only non-profit, private Catholic middle schools in San Jose focused on academic intervention for students from underserved communities. The Nativity model includes longer school days, weekend programming, and an extended school year that includes summer school. We couple this structure with a Jesuit-informed program providing a holistic education that supports the growth and development of a child intellectually, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Most students live in the Washington/Guadalupe neighborhood on the outskirts of downtown San Jose. Nativity students come from economically challenged families that truly care about education. The students often enter our school testing below grade level, but by the time they graduate, they are prepared for the rigors of a college prep high school.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS BEYOND GRADUATION

Another part of the Nativity model is to support students after graduation to foster their continued development, achievement, and contribution to their communities. The Graduate Support team works with students and their families to insure they are prepared to take on the rigors of high school, and continues support throughout high school and beyond.



Dear Nativity Familia,

Since its humble beginnings, Nativity has been a beacon of hope for our community. Father Mateo's dream to open a school that would provide the academic, spiritual, and emotional support needed to break the cycle of poverty through education came to fruition in 2001. As part of the first graduating class, I can say with no doubt, that Nativity has served as the foundation for my success. I am honored to now serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors for the Nativity Schools of San Jose.

With the wonderful support from our comunidad, Nativity will continue to pivot and adapt to a fast-changing environment while continuing its mission to ignite our community's curiosity and re-imagine success.

Let me end by thanking you all for your continued generosity and support that enables us to change the lives of students like Hector Martinez '11, Iviema Bernal '11, Marisol Martinez '13, and Atziri Cendejas '17. All are alumni, who like me, have returned to our middle school to give back and continue to educate the students in this community.

Jesús A. Piceno A.
Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters of Nativity,

We are excited about the 2022-23 school year! We are blessed with new students, new faculty, new staff, and new leadership. Together we continue to honor our 20 years of success and look forward to a year filled with opportunities that invite our community into a journey of accompaniment as we see all things new in Christ.

Thanks to the generosity and support we received this past year we have been able to overcome many challenges and obstacles that the pandemic presented to our Nativity community. Now more than ever, our faith calls us together to be people with and for others.

Our Class of 2022 is now thriving in their new faith communities at Bellarmine, Cristo Rey, Mitty, Notre Dame, and Presentation. Our new 6th graders and transfer students are learning and growing in their new homes here at Nativity. Our new faculty and staff are ready to make an impact and help our students see all things new in Christ.

We are excited to welcome Marisol Martínez-Sigala as our Graduate Support Manager. As an alumnus of Nativity, Notre Dame, and UC Merced, she understands the 12+ year journey that our Nativity students experience. She and director Raul Tornel, are well equipped to provide the scope of support that will benefit our students during their high school and college adventures.

We have also brought substantive changes to student activities and volunteer management by promoting Barbi Phipps to Director of Student Life. We hope you will enjoy reading about other staff additions later in this report.

As Bellarmine alumni, we are both committed to being men with and for others, allowing the Nativity mission to guide us on this journey of faith. We are truly blessed for this opportunity to help lead our Nativity community as true companions in school leadership.

We are so grateful for your support and want you to know how much our entire Nativity community appreciates you and holds you in our prayers every day.

With Gratitude and Blessings,

Deacon Rubén Solorio
President

Michael Serranía
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STUDENTS | FULL-TIME TEACHERS

IN CONVERSATION



On an afternoon last summer, former principal Lorraine Shepherd caught up with a Nativity alumnus from the Class of 2017, Max Hermosillo, before he left to begin his second year at Columbia University. In his 2017 valedictorian speech, Max spoke about graduates carving their own paths and he has most certainly continued to do that.

Mrs. Shepherd: *Max, I'm glad that I was able to see you before you left for the Big Apple. How was your summer?*

Max: Great! It was good to see my family and catch up with friends. I worked at a bakery downtown for most of the summer and edited for the Columbia Political Review. Next year, I hope to land an internship.

Mrs. S: *That's awesome, what are you planning on majoring in?*

Max: Although one of my professors at Columbia cautioned everyone about declaring a major too early, I am on the pre-Law track with a major in political science and a concentration in Hispanic Studies.

Mrs. S: *Very cool, you must be meeting some pretty incredible people.*

Max: Yes, the professors are great. I've met former presidential candidate Marianne Williamson and theoretical physicist Brian Greene, among others.

Mrs. S: *I know you're leaving in a few days, are you excited?*

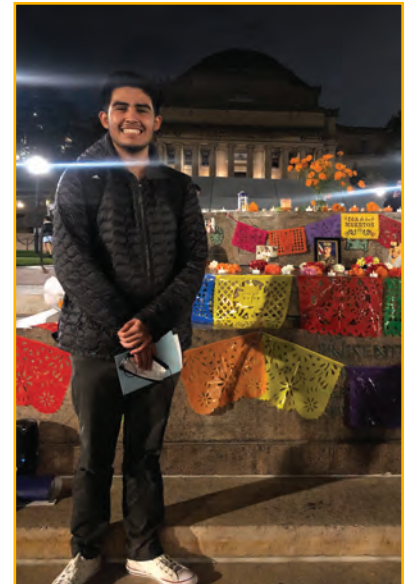
Max: Very excited, leaving this time for my second year is so much different. Last year, I went by myself because my family couldn't join me. Move-in day (to my dorm) was hard without having someone there to sit with my luggage. I felt alone, but this year is different. I've made friends and some are classmates from Bellarmine. I have my tribe, my community now, and we're looking forward to seeing more of the sights in New York City too.

Mrs. S: *Do you have any advice for the Class of 2018 who are just starting their freshman year in college?*

Max: Remember to ask for help. Balance academics with networking and having fun too. Talk to your RA, and other people who are in the right places to get your questions answered. At Columbia, there are about 15 different Latino clubs. Find the one that you feel comfortable in. Columbia has some good programs for first-generation students, like a Big Brother program—search those out. Lastly, don't feel pressured into believing you must have everything planned out from Day 1. Embrace the journey and see where college takes you. We're all in this together!

Mrs. S: *Thank you for spending time with me, and good luck this next year. Your Nativity family is very proud of you!*

Max: Thank you, Mrs. Shepherd! I look forward to my fall classes and know this will be an amazing year!



90%

OF ALUMNI ATTEND
COLLEGE

or other post secondary programs.

IGNATIAN EDUCATOR AWARD 2021-22

STAFF

Congratulations to **Raul Tornel**, the recipient of the 2021-22 Ignatian Educator Award. This honor is given to the faculty member who best exemplifies the spirit of Magis, a Jesuit philosophy of doing more for Christ, and therefore doing more for others.

"I always say my education started when I entered college because no one talked to me about it until the end of my senior year in high school, which was too late to apply to a four-year program," said Raul.



Raul had a desire to play soccer at a collegiate level, so he attended West Valley College, and transferred to Chico State, playing soccer at both schools. He received a BA in Liberal Studies with a minor in Spanish.

Before joining Nativity four years ago, Raul worked with at-risk kids who were affected by gang violence through the City

of San Jose. He then spent 15 years at Catholic Charities working on literacy and enrichment programs for elementary and middle schools, as well as sports leagues, and empowerment groups. Following Catholic Charities, he was the Dean of Students at ACE Charter School and was then "blessed to move to Nativity."

Raul says, *"I love the work that I do at Nativity because I get to use everything that I have learned from my other jobs and from my own experience, to help students. I love working with the families, the students, and the Catholic community."*

During the award ceremony, former principal Lorraine described some of the reasons that Raul was chosen for the award this year:

"Raul is the ultimate team player and is always willing to help, no matter what the task. In addition to managing the Graduate Support Team, he has coached basketball and organized March Madness activities for the students. He works hard to empower our alumni and their families, and is a true lifelong learner who seeks the Magis to understand and build his relationship with God. During the year, he participated in the leadership program through the University of Notre Dame with an emphasis on serving Latinx students."



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NEW STAFF MEMBERS



MICHAEL SERRANIA Principal

Michael grew up in a Cuban family in San José and was cared for by his Abuela, as his mom worked as an educator at Bellarmine College Preparatory. He soon realized that education was the path forward to a better future and a way of honoring his family and its young history in the United States.

After teaching for 15 years at Bellarmine, he is humbled and honored to begin this journey at Nativity. Throughout the prayer and discernment process, he felt comfortable on campus and appreciated the rich history of the school. In addition, he felt called by God to take on this role because educating our students and community is the right thing at the right time for him. He had the privilege of learning firsthand about the caring Nativity community by teaching Nativity graduates at Bellarmine.

As the academic year begins, he is excited to hear the noisy hallways, see our dynamic teachers, and watch the boys and girls playing games on the blacktop. Michael says, "It is truly a blessing to accompany the youth at Nativity this year and beyond!"

TERE ALLEN Vice Principal

Tere is a lifelong educator. She graduated from the University of Florida with her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and the University of Santa Clara with a teaching credential and a Master of Arts in Special Education. Her name may be familiar as she was a 7th-grade teacher and Vice Principal at Sacred Heart Nativity School until 2017 when she thought it was time to retire from more than 30 years in teaching and administration. But God had another plan. After recently experiencing Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises, she heard the call to come home and continue the work at Nativity. She is happy to be back and continue supporting our teachers and staff. When she isn't on-site, you can find her walking the local trails or hanging out with her beloved granddaughters.

JACINTHA QUINNY English Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher

Jacintha has been teaching for 22 years both at Saint Elizabeth Seton and Saint Leo the Great Catholic Schools where she taught mostly 8th grade. She has a double bachelor's degree in Education and English Literature and a Masters in English, both from Mumbai University in India. Jacintha feels that it was her destiny to eventually come to Nativity because she crossed paths with many former and current employees throughout her career who always

told her that Nativity was a wonderful school. She wants to empower each child with critical thinking, problem-solving and analytical skills that are imperative for success in school, college, and in life. But, above all, she wants to share her faith, and help each child believe in God, in themselves, in hard work, and miracles.

Jacintha says, "Every child I encounter is a divine appointment. Students need to know that their teacher loves them and values them. Children will work harder for you if they trust you and feel loved."

LISA ARCHULETTA Math and Science Teacher

Lisa is originally from the Central Valley. She has one older brother and two hard-working parents. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in Modesto, and went on to study Biology and Theology at the University of Dallas in Texas. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Teaching through Santa Clara University.

Lisa says, "Every person I talked to about Nativity always said it was a unique place. I didn't understand what they meant until I visited the school. I knew that I wanted to serve at a school that was dedicated to God, the students, and each other. From the moment I stepped onto campus, I started to understand what a truly "unique place" Nativity is. I was greeted with smiling faces and the smell of homemade menudo as the staff was all together eating and enjoying each other's company during a staff meeting. While the smell of Mexican food drew me in, it was the mission of the school and the selflessness of every staff member that helped me stay and say yes to Nativity."

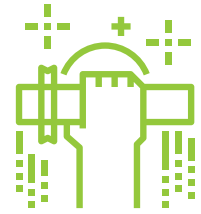
She is looking forward to serving her students and instilling in them a love and appreciation for math and science.

GABRIELA LOPEZ Food Program Coordinator

Gabby was born and raised in Northwest Nevada and attended Fernley High School where she participated in the Upward Bound program. (Class of 2021). She moved to San Jose in August of 2021, learned about Nativity from a friend, and fell in love with the mission of the school. She is very excited to get to know more about the kids so she can help guide them in helpful ways.

"As a lifelong Catholic, I've always wanted to work in a field where I could give back to the community. I chose to come to Nativity because of how great the mission is for the kids and the standards they have for them. I'm looking forward to seeing the kids grow every day and be a part of their growth!"

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION



CELEBRATING NATIVITY'S 19th GRADUATING CLASS

Sacred Heart Nativity Schools celebrated a Baccalaureate Mass and graduation ceremony on May 27th to honor the Class of 2022. We were thrilled to be able to hold the event inside the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. While everyone still wore masks, it felt close to normal. We were honored to have Fr. Brad Mills join Deacon Rubén Solorio in presiding over the Mass and Graduation Ceremony.

Principal, Lorraine Shepherd, recalled that this class had just finished the third quarter of their 6th grade year when COVID forced us to shut down the school. She said, "for some, shifting to zoom went great, for others it was REALLY hard. It was hard for all of us but you kept at it and for that we are so incredibly proud of you. Let's pray that that is behind us and you'll enter your high schools confident that you can achieve anything when you dedicate yourself and give 100% effort. You showed us your Commitment to Growth – by persevering through all of that."



Christopher

While acknowledging how the pandemic made school challenging, valedictorian Christopher said "the hardest part of the pandemic was not being able to connect with friends in person. Everything was online so it was harder to plan events and just talk to people. But through all these hardships we still made it through the year and now we are here about to graduate."

The Our Lady of Grace valedictorian Jasmin agreed with Christopher. "Doing school from home was really lonely. I feel I learn better when I can easily talk with my teachers and fellow students. Being back on campus at the end of the year was really great."



Jasmin

This was a strong class full of hard-working students, as evidenced by the high number of students who were accepted to private Catholic high schools – all 23 students who applied, were accepted to one or more of the schools.

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STUDENTS

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022



REVENUES

Unrestricted Gifts	\$1,850,507
CA School Nutrition Subsidy	75,793
Summer Camp and Misc. Fees	38,960
Quasi Endowment Draw	287,000
Misc. Revenue	106,791
Total	\$2,359,051

EXPENSES

Academics	\$1,584,102
Management and General	452,427
Martha's Kitchen Lunch Payments	75,793
Fundraising	361,809
Total	\$2,474,131

Note: These results are preliminary as they have not yet been formally audited.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

SUPPORT



If you are looking for a way to support Nativity and gain a connection to the students, this program is for you!

At Nativity, we provide a tuition-free education that enables students to improve their circumstances through educational opportunities. The average annual income for Nativity families is \$34,000, which is well below the average income in San Jose of \$142,000. While students enter our program testing one to two grade levels behind in English and Math, when they graduate from 8th grade, they are at or above grade level and prepared to attend a college prep high school. Key elements of our program include:

- **Small class sizes** with 13–15 students
- **Laptop computers** for all
- **Extended school day** from 7:45am – 5:00pm (Doors are open from 7:00am – 6:00pm)
- Monthly **Saturday enrichment programs**
- **Co-curricular programs** include athletics, robotics, art, and Folklorico dancing
- An **11-month school year** from September to July

WHEN YOU SPONSOR A STUDENT, YOU'LL HEAR DIRECTLY HOW THE SCHOOL IS HELPING THEM ENVISION A POSITIVE AND EXCITING FUTURE.

Sponsorships may be paid in full, or through quarterly or monthly pledges:

\$20,000 supports a student for a year

\$10,000 supports a student for one semester

\$5,000 supports a student for one quarter

We encourage groups of friends or relatives to pool funds toward a student sponsorship.

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Thank you for all your support and kindness!

The **15th Annual Peter Pabst, S.J. Legacy Tournament** was made possible because of people like you making a difference in our community! We had a successful tournament where 80 golfers enjoyed a glorious day of golf, games, and camaraderie. An online auction delighted golfers and non-golfers alike to help raise much-needed funds for our Sacred Heart Nativity School students.



SAVE THE DATES



December 6, 2022

Holiday Wine Event

Get started on your Christmas shopping and gather with us for a social holiday wine gathering at Joseph George Wines!



January 27, 2023

Father Mateo Sheedy Memorial Celebration

The Luncheon Event will take place at the Center for Employment Training—CET San Jose. Please mark your calendars to celebrate the founder of Sacred Heart Nativity Schools.



May 6, 2023

Mark your calendars for **FIESTA** to be held at Presentation High School. This is our largest fundraising event of the year, so please plan to join our Nativity friends and family.

MISSION STATEMENT

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

Sacred Heart Nativity School for boys and Our Lady of Grace Nativity School for girls are urban Catholic middle schools. In partnership with the Society of Jesus, the Diocese of San Jose, and the Parish of Sacred Heart, the schools seek to lay the foundation for young women and men to succeed in college prep high school programs, in college, and beyond. The schools are dedicated to providing a Catholic education for students of low-income families with priority given to families of the Sacred Heart Parish community. In the Jesuit tradition, Nativity students are encouraged to deepen their relationship with God as they become women and men for others.