



# ST. CATHERINE'S ACADEMY

*A Boys' Catholic School with a Military Tradition*

## Esprit de Corps

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ST. CATHERINE'S!**

St. Catherine's Academy was dedicated on March 19, 1889.

Read on to see what's new after 122 years!

## Greetings from our Administrator/Principal Sister Johnellen Turner, OP

**D**ear Friends of St. Catherine's,

Blessings to each of you and your families during this holy season of Lent and glorious Resurrection time! It is the same story, the same sacred event and has been occurring for over 2000 years. Let us pray that each year helps us to dig deeper into the mystery of this holy time and to grow closer to our God.

Our family is growing, and we are very grateful to have the support of you, our alumni, families and friends, to accompany us on our journey! You are a gift, and we are blessed!

The St. Catherine's family is embracing many positive possibilities as we journey with our staff, families and students in building this wonderful academy – an incredible option for boys.

We have had a dream to provide a stronger formation program based on the Dominican Charism for our St. Catherine's family. Our dream came to life this year in a program emphasizing the four pillars of the Dominican Order – Community, Ministry, Study and Prayer. Each Company has been given a particular pillar as a focus for the year and a special Dominican Saint to be their guide.

Alpha – Community – Saint Dominic de Guzman -- this pillar emphasizes the leadership needed in forming a strong and supportive community.

Bravo – Ministry – Saint Martin de Porres, OP -- this pillar embraces the service and outreach which we encourage in forming our boys to be generous and accepting of others.

Charlie – Study – Saint Thomas Aquinas, OP -- this pillar is the strength needed to be a curious seeker of the truth, which is very important for all of us today.

Delta – Prayer – Saint Catherine of Siena, OP -- this pillar is the foundation of all four pillars as we



learn to incorporate prayer into our day and grow closer each day to our God in gratitude for all of our blessings.

All of these have become very much a part of the life of St. Catherine's family, and we are learning how to grow more fully into the richness of this Dominican Charism. When you are visiting on campus, take a minute to ask the boys about their special pillar and saint and growth in their Dominican spirit!

Please come and visit us! Let us introduce you to our wonderful boys and "show off" our facility renovations. You are, and will always be, part of the family of St. Catherine's!

May your hearts be filled with God's special love during this beautiful season, and may you hear the invitation of God's Son to find and live the mystery of Lent as you grow deeper in your faith and loving gratitude.

With a loving and grateful heart –  
Your,

*Sister Johnellen Turner, OP*



# Military Ball I honors Community Heroes

The 2011 Military Ball honored local heroes for their service to our city and our country. Officer Ed Thaete of the Anaheim Police Department was the guest of honor. He was recognized for his 30+ years of service to the city of Anaheim and his friendship to St. Catherine's.

The Military Ball also honored St. Catherine's alumnus, Staff Sergeant Marc Arizmendez, class of 1994. Marc was killed in Afghanistan last July while serving our country. Through Marc's mother Amelia and brother Albert, Sister Johnellen and Colonel Bizzell honored Marc with a special remembrance plaque and dedicated the Fallen Hero table to his memory.

Another highlight of the Military Ball was the Grand March and Waltz, a traditional waltz with the 8th graders and their mothers. The event also included a performance by the SCA band, a salute to the Armed Forces, silent auction, dancing, and dinner catered by the Anaheim White House.



Left: This year's Military Ball honored Officer Ed Thaete and Marc Arizmendez. Marc's mother, Amelia, is pictured here.



Right: The cadet Color Guard and Honor Guard presented a special tribute to the Armed Forces.



Left: 8th graders shared a traditional waltz with their mothers. Captain Ramos served as the dance instructor.

## Campus Receives Updates

Thanks to the generosity of the J.F. Shea Foundation and our SCA family, St. Catherine's received \$143,000 for campus renovations over the past few months. Updates include the repainting of our entire school exterior and the replacement of our campus fence. Feel free to stop in to see our new improvements in person!



Right: Our new fence is 6ft tall with a decorative pointed top for added security.



Left: Our new two-toned paint job really makes the buildings pop!

## Sisters Celebrate Jubilees

St. Catherine's celebrated the jubilees of two of its Dominican Sisters in February. Sister Maria de Fatima Foelker, OP celebrated 60 years of Religious Profession, and Sister Imelda Pellettieri, OP celebrated 50 years of Religious Profession. Both Sisters will travel to Mission San Jose in May to celebrate with the Congregation.



Sisters de Fatima and Imelda cut the cake during their jubilee celebration on February 26th. Congratulations, Sisters!

## Advanced Piano Students Can Play

Advanced piano students participated in the Pacific Symphony's *OC Can You Play* public pianos project this January. Six students in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade filled the streets of Downtown Brea with classical pieces from Beethoven, Clementi, and Mozart. They played a brightly colored piano placed on the sidewalk by the OC Symphony.

“It was a wonderful experience for our boys to play in public and to show what they have accomplished. We are glad we could be a part of this event,” said Sister Imelda Pellettieri, OP, who teaches piano at St. Catherine’s. “It was really fun!” added 5<sup>th</sup> grader Paul Kim.

The piano program has been in place at St. Catherine’s for many years. Sister Imelda has been in charge since 1995. She enjoys teaching piano at St. Catherine’s because she loves being a part of the school community and what it has meant to young men for the past 122 years.



Left: After an informal recital, piano students and their teacher Sister Imelda pose in front of a brightly painted piano in Downtown Brea.

Right: 5<sup>th</sup> grader Paul Kim takes his turn at the unique piano, which was part of the Pacific Symphony's OC Can You Play public pianos project.



## Competitive Drill Team Takes 2nd Place

The St. Catherine’s competitive Drill Team and Color Guard participated in the Northern Orange County High Schools JROTC Drill Competition.

In previous years, St. Catherine’s competed at the junior level against local middle schools. Knowing their cadets were capable of more, the military staff pushed for St. Catherine’s to compete at the senior level this year. Both the competitive unarmed Drill Team and Color Guard placed 2nd out of 13 *high school units*—an incredible accomplishment for our teams, which are comprised of 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

Esteban Hernandez (8th grade) and Jacob Bradley (5th grade) also took home trophies for their top performances in “Tap Out” a military version of Simon Says.

Colonel Bizzell is very proud of his cadets, who “displayed only the utmost motivation, discipline, and professionalism throughout the competition.” Congratulations to both the Drill Team and Color Guard on a job well done!



Above: The Drill Team marches its way to 2nd place. Check out the synchronization!



Left: Deputy Commandant SSG May gives a few pointers to Drill Team Commander John Synowsky before the competition.

Right: Color Guard Commander Sergio Montelongo salutes as he accepts his trophy.



## Cadets in Action



### Cadets Participate in Veneration of Relic of Mary Magdalene

Cadets, faculty, and staff participated in the veneration of a relic of Saint Mary Magdalene at St. Boniface Church. The relic, which is a portion of the saint's tibia, is currently on tour in California. All 157 members of the student body followed the relic into the church carrying votive candles. Cadets then joined the community in venerating the relic and also acted as ushers and guides of the relic.

### 8th Graders Have a Very Special Valentine's Day

The students and staff of St. Pius V Catholic School in Buena Park were gracious enough to invite our 8th grade students to attend their Valentine's Day dance on February 14th. Cadets had a wonderful time dancing and meeting new friends.



### Knights Basketball Goes Undefeated

Varsity basketball completed its regular season with a 9-0 record, making them the North League Division I Champions. JV basketball completed its regular season with a record of 3-6. Congratulations to both teams!



### Company Games Teach Teamwork

Cadets participate in Company Dodge Ball as part of the company games competition. Events are chosen by cadet leaders and include capture the flag, company dodge ball, obstacle course races, tug-of-war, and relay races. The monthly competitions always serve as positive lessons of teamwork, selfless service, good sportsmanship, and knowing that you are only as strong as the other members of your team.



### Raffle Has Cadets Jumping for Joy

Each spring, lucky students who have sold tickets for our annual raffle are chosen at random to participate in the Money Jump. Students leap alongside a yard stick and earn a dollar for every inch they can jump, usually about \$20.



# Calling All Alumni!

## Alumni Question

Q: Who was your commandant and what 3 words would you use to describe him?

A: Boy, this was an easy one. My three words to describe the good commandant Schmitt are STERN, MILITARY-BY-THE-BOOK, and NO-NONSENSE.  
—Jim Erickson, Class of 1946

A: Major C.A.Schmitt was the commandant when I was at St. Catherine's. He was an outstanding person whose qualities of STRONG CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP and CHRISTIAN VALUES were examples for us all. He was a stern figure who treated all cadets fairly and with respect, understanding and compassion. I was privileged to serve under him from 1941 to 1948 rising to the rank of cadet major and the position of executive officer of the cadet corps. He was a giant of a man in my eyes, a father figure, whom I GREATLY ADMIRE and will never forget.  
—Henry Hazan-Barbachano, Class 1948

A: Major Charles Schmitt: DISCIPLINED, FAIR, CARING  
—Ric Chilson, Class of 1951

A: I could answer that question facetiously and say Major Benson. Actually Major Schmitt was the commandant when I was at St. Catherine's. He was DEDICATED, DEVOTED and DEVOUT. He would be up and patrolling the halls prior to first call with his dog and a copy of the LA Times. He went to his home on the corner of the campus after Taps each night. He did not work any kind of what we call a normal work week. I remember that the St. Catherine's band participated in the Las Vegas Helldorado parade in May 1954. He drove the school bus to Las Vegas and back. We had a number of families in the local parish that put us up for the two days that we were there. I know that is not the kind of thing that would happen today. Looking forward to all the comments.—Richard Eckman, Class of 1955

A: I am not sure if I have the dates right or not, but I recall seeing pictures of Major Schmitt from the time he became commandant of St. Catherine's as Lieutenant Schmitt and then seeing pictures of him after returning from WWII as Major Schmitt. These were photos that were of the 8th/9th grade graduating classes taken during his tenure that once hung in the hall next to the classrooms above the locker room. There is a definite different aged and worn-out look after the war. I think, reflective of many soldiers, sailors and marines who return from combat, I could say he was a WOUNDED WARRIOR HERO.  
—Lawrence Lundin, Class of 1969, SCMA Commandant 2003-2005

A: BELIEVES IN CHRIST (Major Zaborowski)—Mike Celis, Class of 1979

A: To describe the Commandant, MAJ Zaborowski, I would say: CARING, FAIR, and DEDICATED. As for LCDR Wiederholt, Assistant Commandant, I would describe him as: FAIR, DISCIPLINED, and COMPASSIONATE.—Andras M. Marton, Class of 1985

A: In three words, Major Zaborowski, my commandant was: FRIENDLY, FAIR, STRICT.  
—Carlos A. Trosino, Class of 1986

A: Major Zaborowski in three words? Well, I can't say organized because you should have seen his office! MENTOR, LEADER, DISCIPLINE.  
—Jesus M. Valdiviezo, Class of 1987

A: Major Zaborowski: AUTHORITATIVE COMMAND PRESENCE.  
—Conrad Lawrence, Class of 1989

A: I would say: GREAT ROLE MODEL. Both of my commandants (MAJ Zaborowski, LCDR Lundin) taught me so much and instilled much guidance into my life through military structure and really showed me how to grow up. My deepest thanks go to my commandants and all of the great staff that was there when I attended this great school.  
—Max Crowell, Class of 2005

Next Alumni Question:

What was your favorite dining hall meal?

Send responses to [development@stcatherinesacademy.org](mailto:development@stcatherinesacademy.org) or SCA ~ 215 N. Harbor Blvd. ~ Anaheim, CA 92805 Attn: Advancement

## Alumni Updates

*The following alums recently caught up with SSG May. Here's what they are up to!*

Olicer Muñoz, class of 1994, earned an M.F.A. in directing from the American Film Institute. With his unique Mexican perspective, he writes and directs culturally enriched films, TV shows, and commercials. He is currently working in pre-production on his upcoming feature film, Nathan's Kingdom.

After graduating from Lyman Ward Military Academy, Jonas Feeley, class of 2001, enlisted in the U.S. Army and served over 5 years on active duty as a military intelligence analyst. He currently works in a civilian career as a Training Specialist and Field Support Representative for an intelligence software solutions company and has been deployed to Afghanistan. He is happily married and resides in Savannah, Georgia.

Nathan Pearce, class of 2002, is serving in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Scout stationed in Afghanistan.

Reggie Gregg, class of 2002, is studying American History and plans to attend law school. He has also earned a California cosmetology license. He has studied abroad and speaks 3 languages.

Nico DeTour, class of 2003, is serving in the Marine Infantry in Afghanistan.

Logan Parks, class of 2004, is serving in the U.S. Army as a UAV Pilot stationed in Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Ernest Dukes, class of 2004, is pursuing a career in music and acting. He currently stars on a new show from Dick Clark Productions called *The Real Teens of Hollywood*, which will air this summer on E! Network. He still keeps in contact with the friends he made while attending St. Catherine's.

Justin Winters, class of 2004, is a licensed pilot. He is currently in the hiring process at the Anaheim Police Department.

Conrad Lakomy, class of 2006, is a full-time student studying business at California State University Fullerton. He also volunteers for a business philanthropy group.

## In Memoriam

Marcelino Andres, Class of 1982

## We Want Your News!

Send updates about school, family, career, anything!

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## Alumni Involvement

### *Alumnus Returns for Civil Servants Day*

**A**lumnus Steve Favero, class of 1989, returned to St. Catherine's for our annual Civil Servants Day celebration.

Steve is currently a Deputy Sheriff for Riverside County Sheriff's Department assigned to the SWAT team. He has been a deputy for ten years and on SWAT for the last two. He is married to his wife Deborah and has two children: Ryan who is three and Danica who is eight months.

Before the event, Steve and his partner toured campus and shared stories from the past. Following Mass and lunch, they brought SWAT equipment to show to the cadets. Thanks for being involved, Steve!



*Left: Alumnus Steve Favero, now a member of the Riverside SWAT team, joined St. Catherine's for its annual Civil Servants Day. Right: Steve's yearbook picture from 1988.*

If you currently work as a police officer, firefighter, city official, or other civil servant, please email [development@stcatherinesacademy.org](mailto:development@stcatherinesacademy.org) so we can make sure to send you an invitation to next year's Civil Servants Day celebration.

### *Alumnus Shares Experience as Software Engineer During Career Day*

**A**lumnus Jimmy Hua, class of 1998, returned to St. Catherine's to participate in career day—well sort of. Jimmy is a software engineer for CBS Interactive in San Francisco. Despite the distance, he wanted to participate in this event so he set up a remote presentation through *Skype*.

Using a webcam, microphone, and SmartBoard, cadets were able to watch a presentation by Jimmy and then participate in a question and answer session. One interesting fact that Jimmy shared with the students was that he first got started in computer science through a St. Catherine's summer school class. Thanks for being involved, Jimmy!



*Left: Alumnus Jimmy Hua gives a remote presentation from San Francisco for career day. Right: Jimmy's yearbook picture from 1998.*

## Get Involved!

### Upcoming Events

- Golf Tournament—May 23, 2011  
[www.tinyurl.com/sca-golf](http://www.tinyurl.com/sca-golf)
- June Drill—June 17, 2011  
10:30 a.m., SCA Parade Ground

### 2nd Annual High School Reunion May 5, 2011



**A**ll alumni currently in high school (the classes of 2007—2010) and their families are invited to join us for St. Catherine's second annual High School Reunion.

The celebration begins at 6:00 p.m. and will include Mass with a special blessing for those graduating from high school followed by a cake and punch reception in the Social Hall.

Please note: we have changed the date of this event to May 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.



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# Annual Campaign *Pass it on!*

This year, nearly all of your annual campaign contributions will fund need-based scholarships for deserving students. We need your support to reach our goal and continue to offer this assistance to families in need. We have currently received \$74,328 in gifts and pledges to the Annual Campaign. Please help us reach our goal of \$100,000 by contributing today. No gift is too small.

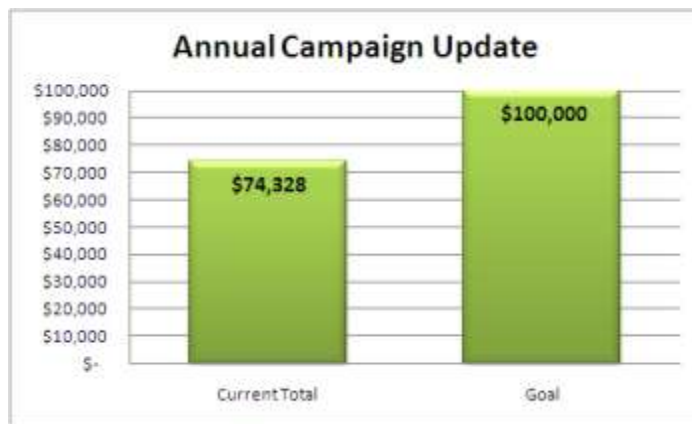
Please, pass it on! Pass on everything you learned here and everything you love about St. Catherine's to a new generation of cadets. The truth is, they need you.

Thanks to everyone who has already made a contribution! Your support has truly made an impact on the lives of our young men.

With a loving and grateful heart-  
Sister Johnellen, OP

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