MY DEAR CC@S MEMBERS—God is doing something wonderful! Two years ago, we committed the CC@S ministry to embracing a culture of small, faith-sharing groups called Encounter Christ (EC) Small Groups. We began with the students, expanded to grad students, and finally to the Permanent Community. It is still small, but we are starting an avalanche of grace! The fruits from these EC Small Groups is evident in a growing liveliness and engagement. Evangelical Catholic, the organization helping us with EC, told us it’s time to take the next step: One-on-One (1:1) Discipleship Ministry. We began last spring.

1:1 Discipleship Ministry is crucial for effective evangelization. While EC Small Groups bring people together in prayer to encounter Christ in scripture, in their lives, and in each other, 1:1 Discipleship takes a person deeper, ignites the prayer, educates the mind and forms leaders to be sent. It forms disciples (learners) and trains apostles (sent), so they in turn can disciple others. What if we unleashed on the world inviting, warm-hearted, dynamic Catholics with proven mentoring skills? Imagine how many hearts could be touched by Christ!

One student, who loves CC@S, wanted to step back from his CC@S involvement to explore other Stanford opportunities. After 10 weeks of 1:1 Discipleship meetings, he is on fire; he wants in turn to engage and energize others at Stanford. This is time consuming but it has fabulous results! We have begun training students and Permanent Community members this summer, but we need to expand to meet the need. Hearts were fed when Fr. Kevin O’Brien spoke at our Newman Night on Ignatian discernment. Students and Permanent Community spilled out of the Common Room and into the hallway. Hearts were fed at our “sell out” All Community Silent Directed Retreat. Our EC Small Groups have doubled and several groups didn’t want to stop meeting! Help us feed hearts! It is all about Stewardship Spirituality!

Stewardship is fundamental to our identity. The U.S. Bishops wrote that authentic disciples “receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly and justly, and return them with increase to the Lord” (Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response). If our values aren’t found in our calendars and checkbook, they are mere aspirations. The Bishops challenge us to commit to three stewardship components: time (prayer), talent (volunteering) and treasure (money).

Let’s put the days of giving a couple dollars behind us. Many years ago, I watched my mother put a few of bucks in the Collection and said: “Mother! You gave that same amount when I was kid! Except then it was 4 gallons of gas!” Her giving multiplied 10 and then 20 times! Our giving should be more than a mere habit or spare change; it should be a prayerful decision. Only 34% of the gifts we receive are pledged gifts; they come from people who made an intentional commitment! Yet committing is easy! Go to the “Give” tab on the CC@S website and you can pledge online through PayPal. Giving should be personal! We are always asking for help! We have 279 wonderful volunteers but they are often the same members volunteering in multiple capacities. Let’s move from 10% of our community volunteering to 25% and beyond! It is more fun when we do it together!

If we are going to expand our faith-sharing groups and 1:1 Discipleship Ministry, bring a Jesuit to CC@S to solidify a connection with Santa Clara University, expand to the Stanford GSB, Medical and Law Schools, and offer more opportunities for the Permanent Community, then we will need more volunteers and support. Our ordinary income and expenses are balanced, but a firmer base allows for more expansive and sustained growth. Please pray about your participation:

ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:
we need more hands to serve others!

ABOUT SHARING:
give the value of your first hour of your weekly work!

ABOUT TIME:
have at least 1% of your day in prayer!

Above all, remember God’s first gift to you is YOU! Stewardship Spirituality asks: Do I accept myself gratefully? Do I develop myself responsibly? Do I share myself lovingly for I know I will have to return to the Lord with increase? Our goals, your goals, are simple but audacious: Encounter Christ! Radiate the Joy of the Gospel! Transform the World! Don’t say, Why me? Say rather, Why not me!

FR. XAVIER
TAKE-A-STEP PLANNING GUIDE

Stewardship is a way of participating in the Church’s mission of bringing God into the center of our lives. We view our resources of time (prayer), talent (volunteerism) and treasure (money) as gifts from God. We nurture them and use them wisely. Stewards make a PLANNED, INTENTIONAL, PROPORTIONATE COMMITMENT of their gifts to the Lord. This is how we show our thanks for all that God does for us. Our commitment grows out of that understanding of our giftedness and a sense of gratitude. We give in proportion to how we have been blessed. As Christian stewards, we:

• Receive God’s gifts gratefully;
• Cultivate them responsibly;
• Share them in justice with others, and
• Stand before the Lord in a spirit of accountability

PROPORTIONATE GIVING. The ultimate goal for stewardship of treasure is the Biblical tithe—10% of our “first fruits.” The Christian understanding of tithe is 10% of gross income; 5% to the local parish, 1% to the Diocese and 4% to other charities. This may seem unattainable when one takes into consideration the varying factors that impact an individual’s or family’s circumstances. The commonly accepted definition of proportionate giving is a gradual move toward Biblical tithing. Stewards are asked to begin by calculating the current giving percentage, then to make a conscious decision to increase in small increments. Below, find your household income, move across to find your monthly tithe to CC@S and straight up for the corresponding percentage. Consider committing to the next level. Every gift makes a difference!

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COMMITTED TO GIVING THROUGH ALL OF LIFE’S SEASONS

David can still recall Fr. Nathan’s (Castle, Director Emeritus) homily, asking each of us how much we could give and if we were giving it. This was a 10 p.m. Mass in 2008, filled almost exclusively with students.

“What do you pay for cable? Could you give that up to help your church community?”

At the time, David was a second-year graduate student, and regularly attended Mass, giving a $5 bill (so long as he had one in his wallet). Fr. Nathan’s call was crystal clear—where you put your time and your treasure is a direct reflection of your values. Where does one’s faith community rank? David didn’t have a cable bill to cut, but he set up monthly online payments of $40. When Rachel later joined David at Stanford, she was able to experience the CC@S community.

We have continued to give and give more as we have grown our careers and transitioned from students to permanent community, from newlyweds to parents. There are always things we are saving for—vacations, family visits, a house, college—but reflecting on our values makes us excited to give to CC@S. This community has provided us with opportunities to deepen our faith—from ESTEEM to our children’s baptisms—and we are so grateful. We give as our way of expressing gratitude, and investing in our community.
WHAT YOU ARE SUPPORTING

LOCAL
CC@S PARISH & STUDENT MINISTRY
- Sunday Plate/Collection
- Pledges, General Fund and Special Gifts (recurring giving, one-time gifts)
- CC@S Endowment at Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County

DIOCESAN
DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE
- Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA), Appeal from Diocese, winter
- Diocesan Assessment, 10% of prior year’s Sunday Plate

DOMINICANS
OUR ORDER OF PRIESTS
- Winter Quarter Appeal

UNIVERSAL
CHURCH WORLDWIDE ENDEAVORS
- 5% of “Second Collection” Sundays’ Plate
- Rice Bowl, Lent

The programs of CC@S are very important because much of the work of the Church and the diocese takes place at the local level. Most of what you support is the ministry at CC@S. These are all the ministries and people that you will read about in this annual Stewardship Report.

There are certain specialized services such as education, vocations, clergy special needs and priest retirement, diocesan conferences and trainings, and the Institute for Leadership in Ministry for which the diocese takes major responsibility. These services no one parish can provide and must be shared by all 54 parishes in the diocese. Our assessment is 10% of the prior year’s Sunday Collections. Last year we paid the Diocese $7,764. The Diocese of San Jose communicates its annual appeal during Winter Quarter through the CC@S bulletin and letters sent directly to ADA donors. This year, CC@S members contributed $1,180 to the ADA.

We are staffed by the Dominican Order, rather than diocesan priests. The Dominicans receive some funds from our diocese toward their retirement. However, they educate their seminarians from their own funds. The Dominican Rosary Appeal is communicated from the pulpit and in the bulletin once a year and supports seminarian food, housing, formation, education, travel and healthcare.

Most parishes conduct a special or second collection at least once a month for a specific charitable endeavor. Because Mrs. Stanford prohibited collections within Memorial Church, we take 5% of our Plate on “Second Collection” Sundays and send it on to the specific charity.
LEARNING TO SERVE

I was searching for something. What? I did not know, but something called me to reach out to Lourdes in the spring of my freshman year. We met and spoke for an hour about being Catholic and about being called to be a student leader for the Catholic community. I wanted to be involved in the community, but as of then, I was completely bewildered by the prospect of being on the Catholic Leadership Team.

Lourdes encouraged me to get involved, so I joined the social justice team. Over the course of my sophomore year, I grew as a Catholic by hearing about my peers’ faith journeys then sharing my own. Still, I was missing something—to serve our community better and to know what it means to truly love, I knew I needed to foster a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. How?

Through a consistent practice of prayer and conversation, embodied in hour-long weekly meetings with Lourdes, I began one-on-one discipleship in my junior year. It was, by far, one of the best parts of being Catholic at the CC@S.

Leaving Stanford, I have more questions than answers, but I finally feel like I know where to go and how to start conversations to talk through some of the mystery. I know I am called daily to be in discipleship with Jesus, and one-on-one’s introduced a way to walk with Him.
DON’T BE AFRAID, SAY ‘YES’

Throughout the later part of my undergraduate career, getting involved in the Catholic Community at Cornell was a big part of my success and happiness. When I arrived at Stanford I knew I wanted to get involved in some capacity, and I was particularly interested in joining the choir. Within just several weeks I could already see the benefits of this decision. I had made new and caring friends of various ages, and began to feel more at home at Mass each Sunday and at Stanford, in general. Later in the year, I was convinced to become a mentor to a seventh grade student as part of the children’s CGS program here. I was initially fairly hesitant, asking myself: “Will this fit in my schedule?” or “Can I really give good advice as a mentor?” Still, I decided to give it a shot. It ended up not affecting my schedule at all, being much easier than I had anticipated, and quite rewarding, particularly in making me feel like a part of the community.

This last point is especially important, as feeling welcome and involved are two factors that keep me excited to come to Mass each Sunday morning to share my time and faith with others. I strongly encourage you to try getting involved in some capacity, especially if you haven’t before. If you’re looking for an easy way to get to know the community, there is a lunch group (mostly graduate students) that gathers after Mass each morning, and that is a great place to start!

CC@S ENDOWMENT

Here are some quick facts about the CC@S Endowment at the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Foundation was founded in 2004 at Bishop McGrath’s request, initially to collect, manage and grant funds from the Diocesan Rooted in Faith Campaign. After the campaign’s conclusion in 2012, the Foundation expanded to be an umbrella organization for Catholic philanthropy in the Valley.

The Foundation is in service to support Catholic projects in Santa Clara County, including parish and student ministries. The monies are managed by the Foundation, not the Diocese, and are granted by an independent board. The CC@S Endowment Fund is solely for the purpose and use of CC@S ministries.

MATCHING CHALLENGE

The Foundation has been working to get the parishes in the Valley to set up endowments. Gifts made to the Endowment are “forever” gifts because the principal is never touched. CC@S will receive an annual grant equal to about 3-5% of the investment balance, taken from the investment earnings, while the principal remains intact, and earnings in excess of the amount granted directly to CC@S will be added to the principal. As an incentive, an anonymous donor has offered to match (up to $20,000) any parish endowment that reaches $20,000 by September 30. Thanks to great CC@S donors, we are thrilled that we qualified for the match!

FR. XAVIER’S VISION FOR THE CC@S ENDOWMENT

The Endowment is for the general support of our ministries, however Fr. X has a specific initial vision in mind. He would like to bring a Jesuit back to CC@S to help solidify our connection with Santa Clara University, provide teaching opportunities (as we did with the “Vatican II” and “Science and Religion” classes offered at Stanford), bring Ignatian Spirituality even more strongly to Stanford and extend our outreach to segments of the community still untouched.

It will take time to build up the Endowment to a level able to support a full-time Jesuit—at least $2M. However, Fr. X is already in discussions with the Jesuits and we are poised to begin with a part-time role. The immediate costs of the part-time Jesuit will be funded from monies received from a one-time gift of $261,000 CC@S received last year (not part of the Endowment). This gives us time to build the Endowment and correspondingly increase the role of the Jesuit.

THE IMMEDIATE GOAL

The ultimate goal for this vision of supporting a Jesuit is $2M. Fr. X hopes that our community can continue the great momentum we’ve had and that we can reach $75,000 for the Endowment by December 31, 2017.
EXPERIENCING CHRIST FROM EVERY SIDE

Home, as has been said, is “where the heart is”—but also, sometimes, the mind. I consistently have found that CC@S respects and touches both organs with equivalent reverence.

Ironically, sometimes both “liberal” and “conservative” interpretations of many religions unite only in finding that sort of mix troubling. I like Pope Francis because he refuses to allow his radical compassion to be captured by either “side.”

I sometimes feel how our Church and other churches responded to victims of sexual violation at the hands of their own ministers has been simply unforgiveable—just as some ministers of my Church find my second marriage unforgiveable. Both I and they, then, need to heed the Pope’s challenge to find compassion, and CC@S does a great job of channeling us in that direction.

This is especially the case through the small group Encounters I’ve shared, which have a way of turning our struggling minds and hearts to the Divine yet infinitely approachable person of Jesus, rather than the phantom comforts of certified juridical abstractions.

WHAT ABOUT STANFORD FUNDING? Stanford is very generous to us: we have the use of several offices in Old Union for our priests and campus ministers and access to hold Masses and student events in Memorial Church and the Old Union Sanctuary. We are extremely grateful for these benefits, right here in the heart of campus.

However, we do not receive financial support from Stanford University. Our expenses are funded from individual gifts to CC@S and the Diocese.

THANK YOU!
Thank you to those who have already contributed to the Endowment. We have been touched by the outpouring of gifts to the Endowment at the Foundation in addition to your regular contributions to CC@S. We still very much need gifts to CC@S as we just break even every year. The gifts you give through Pledges and Sunday Plate keep us going now. The gifts you give to the Endowment, whether through an outright cash gift, or through your will or trust, is a gift for the future health of CC@S. FOREVER!

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Catholic Community Foundation, (408) 995-5219, info@cfoscc.org

GIVE ONLINE
https://giving.cfoscc.org/stanfordcatholic
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
JULY 1, 2016-JUNE 30, 2017

For Fiscal Year 2017, we had revenues of $1,006,511 and expenses of $723,927 resulting in a net profit of $282,584. Most of the surplus funds derive from a $261,000 special gift which has been allocated to hiring increased personnel over the next three years to expand our ministry.

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2017 FUNDS DISBURSED
$723,927

- Liturgy 25%
- Student Ministry 26%
- Community Building 8%
- Faith Formation 39%
**CONNECT**

70 students participated in Encounter Christ Small Groups

Typically, 75 cups of hot chocolate were served weekly to students after 10 pm Sunday Mass and when we served homemade desserts instead of hot chocolate, that number went up to 100 people served each Sunday

We had 20 students participate in the Fall Leadership Retreat and 25 students participate in the Winter Leadership Retreat

5 undergrads, 5 graduate students and 5 Permanent Community participated in the Silent Directed Retreat

6 undergraduate students were accompanied by 6 CC@S mentors (alumni, grad students and one PC member) in ESTEEM this year

30 students participated in the Spring Retreat at Montara Lighthouse

There were 3 Special Dinners held for a total of almost 200 students

The Graduate Student Welcome Dinner gathered 75 attendees and the Grad Early Holiday Liturgy Dinner had 40 attendees

35 students played in the Student Trivia Game Night

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**SERVE**

CC@S members donated 90 backpacks and 16 CC@S volunteers packed the backpacks at the Family Giving Tree warehouse

126 Christmas gifts were given to in-need children from CC@S members’ donations to the Family Giving Tree

The Loaves and Fishes volunteers (including CC@S members) delivered 36 meals to families with new babies

Over 50 volunteers (CC@S members along with Woodside Priory students and staff) gathered for Rebuilding Together to help paint, landscape, pour concrete and install new windows and a new front door for Robert, a Vietnam Veteran living in Redwood City

There are 5 Permanent Community members who serve on the Finance Council, 4 of whom are alumni

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**PRAY**

19 couples were prepared to be married in Mem Chu and 21 couples were prepared for weddings celebrated elsewhere

8 adults were received into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

40 children received the Sacrament of Baptism and 24 children received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Rosary was held 5 times a week and Adoration was held once a week throughout the year

Ignite was held once a quarter and the largest Ignite gathering was over 100 student attendees

Taize prayer was held during Lent in the Sanctuary

85 people walked the Stations of the Cross on the Dish on Good Friday

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**LEARN**

Cath 101 happens 7-8 times per quarter and serves around 20 students per meeting

95 children participated in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program

40 (in the Fall) and 49 (during Lent) Permanent Community members participated in the Encounter Christ Small Groups
CONNECT
FELLOWSHIP AND LEADERSHIP
Encounter Christ Small Groups give you a chance to meet 8-10 other peers to pray, reflect on the Gospel, and share with one another stories of our struggle to live out the Gospel in our lives. Students meet throughout Fall, Winter and Spring quarters while Permanent Community meet for 6-week segments, in Fall Quarter and during Lent.

We hold five Retreats. At the beginning of Fall and Winter Quarters, we hold student leadership retreats in conjunction with Evangelical Catholic. Also in Fall Quarter, students from the Graduate School of Business gather for a weekend retreat. In Winter Quarter, we conduct an All Community Silent Directed Retreat with one-on-one spiritual direction at Mission San José in Fremont. During Spring Quarter, we hold a retreat at Montara Lighthouse (near Half Moon Bay) for undergrad and graduate students.

LEARN
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Children: The CGS program ranges from Levels I-IV, ages preschool-8th grade, during the months of October-May. This year, one of our Level IV graduates is initiating a new (Level V) high school group.

Adults: CC@S offers a combination of sacramental inquiry and preparation as well as interesting series e.g., Newman Night speakers such as Fr. Kevin O’Brien S.J.’s standing-room-only talk on Ignatian Discernment and Fr. X’s new Design Your Spirituality series based on Stanford’s esteemed D-School’s principles. All community members are welcome.

SERVE
CC@S has a variety of opportunities to serve. Those served longest: Stanford Hospitals, St. Anthony Padua’s Dining Room, and Rebuilding Together.

The Stanford Hospital Chaplaincy brings Holy Communion to patients in the two hospitals on campus. Our CC@S volunteers make up the largest component of the Catholic volunteers from the Diocese who bring communion to patients and their families in hospital.

St. Anthony Padua’s Dining Room has served the community for nearly 44 years with hot meals six days a week, at an average rate of 411 meals a day. Almost 10 CC@S students and Permanent Community serve two Saturdays per month as well as on Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas. CC@S member Gary Glover serves as our liaison and also serves on St. Anthony Padua’s Dining Room Advisory Board.

CC@S has been involved with Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP) for over
15 years. Our CC@S member and RTP liaison, Larry Hu, was recently awarded by RTP for his 10 years as Team Captain for RTP projects. Two seasons a year you will see Peter Barling, CC@S member and Family Giving Tree liaison, tabling for a backpack drive and for Christmas gifts to give to in-need Bay Area kids.

Stanford students have long enjoyed the Thanksgiving Service/Immersion Trip to Las Vegas where they help the St. Therese Center collect food donations from grocery stores, unload trucks and sort tons of produce, ultimately distributing food boxes to 400 families before heading home for the remainder of Thanksgiving break.

The ASB (Alternative Spring Break) Service/Immersion Trips have been varied: trips to Guatemala City to help children living in dumps, a trip to the Mexico-Arizona border to learn the devastation experienced by undocumented immigrants, to El Salvador to learn of the role of the Catholic Church during the Salvadoran War and to Seattle to live and work with the L’Arche Community residents.

**PRAY**

**Masses:** During the academic calendar (Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters), we celebrate three Masses each Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass is on the second floor of Tressider Union, 4:30 and 10 p.m. Masses are in Mem Chu. We have a Sunday Spanish Mass once a month in Mem Chu. Daily Mass is said in Mem Chu at 12:20 p.m., M-W, F; Thursday’s Daily Mass is said at 12:20 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Old Union.

**Adoration:** On Tuesdays, we gather for Eucharist Adoration from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the CIRCLE.

**Learning to Pray:** We have resources on our website that link to helpful sites for different forms of prayer. We also hold a prayer challenge each Lent to give 1% of our day to prayer.
THE WAY OF THE HEART

After Mass one day, Lourdes invited my friend, Richard, and me to apply for the Seattle trip to L’Arche. For us, there was no better option. As international students (and near broke ones), we would pretty much be stuck on a near-empty Stanford campus otherwise. Plus, I had read about the amazing community in L’Arche on the CC@S website from the students who had been before. L’Arche is a community where individuals with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers to create inclusive communities of faith and friendship. However, what awaited us in Seattle was far greater than my expectations. Experiencing the beauty of the cherry blossoms at the University of Washington, and the city-line and stars at night from the Gas Works Park made me step outside myself. Yet, this still paled in comparison to the beauty of the individuals at the L’Arche community that I stayed with for the week. The warm and welcoming nature of the individuals put anyone at ease. The joy and freedom that flowed from their interior are unique abilities that far exceeded any exterior disabilities they had. It was in the difficulty of having clear communication with them that I could start to listen more and pay attention to their non-verbal gestures. In their openness and genuineness, I was moved to let go more and allow myself to see the beauty around me. I heard the phrase, ‘to love is to reveal another’s beauty’. L’Arche has a way of making you drop any fear and pretension over time. You aren’t there to serve or do anything except to learn how to be with a person.

LEGACY GIVING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

What we do with the gifts we have been given expresses what we believe. A legacy is a gift left for the benefit of future generations. As good stewards, the CC@S Endowment has been established with the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County to ensure the future needs of our campus ministry and parish ministries. Our Christian faith, even in death, calls us to witness the new life that God gives in Christ through his death and resurrection.

A gift to the CC@S Endowment may take many forms such as:

- Gift of cash or stock during your lifetime
- Lump sum bequests as stated in your will or a provision in your living trust
- Beneficiary designation in your IRA or qualified retirement plan
- Gift of a new or existing life insurance policy
- Bequest of a specific asset such as real estate or securities
- Give online! https://giving.cfoscc.org/stanfordcatholic

CC@S SPEAK

PC: Permanent Community which includes Stanford faculty, staff, and local community members, i.e, non-students

MEM CHU: Memorial Church, located in the center of campus on the Quad

CIRCLE: Center for Inter-Religious Community, Learning and Experiences; on the third floor of Old Union, this includes the Sanctuary, the Common Room and our campus ministry offices

THE DISH: The 150-foot radio telescope in the Stanford hills, also referencing the open space where the telescope is located which has great walking trails. We hike and read the Stations of the Cross at the Dish on Good Friday.

CLT: Catholic Leadership Team made up of 22 undergrads and 8 graduate students

FCLT: Freshmen Leadership Team that is rolled out in Winter Quarter and organizes events and outreach to peer freshmen

ESTEEM: Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission, a program that trains students to move into church leadership roles post-graduation

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, an academic year-long class for those who wish to become Catholic as well as to all explorers and learners

CGS: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-based faith formation program for children

EC: Encounter Christ faith-sharing small groups
A LEAP OF FAITH

After Jim’s early-career corporate transfers, we moved to Ridgefield, Connecticut where we raised three children, embracing and encouraging their myriad activities while pursuing our careers. In what seemed the blink of an eye, we were empty nesters with college graduates and time for sailboat races on Long Island Sound and travel. Sacred Heart, our hometown parish, always provided spiritual replenishment upon our returns. Though we’d been leaning toward a move to be closer to our daughter, we were hesitant because of our strong ties on the East Coast. But, we did it—sold and purged our house of all the “stuff” that seemed so important and left after 31 memorable years ready for a new life! Our daughter and her family welcomed us with open arms, and we integrated quickly in their energetic lives. We loved the stunning West Coast, Stanford cultural and athletic events, and the weather. There was, however, a critical component that yearned for replication, a spiritual home base. With God’s grace, we began attending Mass with the CC@S, and we were welcomed graciously and generously. We’ve experienced treasured fellowship with the Gelpi Reading Group, Loaves and Fishes ministry, small group discussions, picnics, dinners, and other meaningful get-togethers. It was a leap of faith to move away from what was dear to us, but we are at home at CC@S, blessed and enriched.

DONATING VIA PAYPAL IS EASY! You can give a one-time donation or set up a monthly recurring donation (a pledged gift) to CC@S using PayPal. Simply fill in your contact information on the form on our website (click on the red “Donate” button or the “Give” drop down menu). You will be rerouted to the PayPal website to complete your donation set-up in PayPal. If you have not used this service before, you will have an opportunity to create an account. MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover cards are accepted. It is a safe, secure process for automatic withdrawals and gives you the flexibility to change the amount of your pledge or cancel it at any time.

WE HAVE 120 DONORS who have committed to recurring donations online. We also offer monthly church envelopes. Contact M’Lis Berry at meberry@stanford.edu if you prefer monthly envelopes.

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FINDING COMMUNITY

The CC@S spring retreat was an experience that served as a true example of a group of Catholic students living in an immersive Christian community of unity, trust, and support. The theme of the retreat weekend was “koinonia,” which means “community” in Greek. My friends originally drew me to the retreat, as they had spent so much time on the planning process and promised an exciting weekend. Though skeptical at first, I was surprised by the loving and spiritual atmosphere established by the small sharing groups and fellow retreatants. Taking residence with friends at the Montara Lighthouse similarly allowed time for personal spiritual reflection, away from the busyness of campus.

By the end of the retreat, I felt ready to return to campus with a renewed focus on personal reflection and community. The retreat also reinvigorated me with a sense of purpose and gave me the gifts of new friendships. The retreat was certainly not one that has faded into a pleasant memory. It continues to be a real, vibrant experience revealed by the friendships that grew over the retreat weekend.

Overall, the retreat experience left me energized to deepen my friendships with other students in the Catholic community and allowed my new reservoir of energy to overflow into my other communities at school.

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Catholic students have had a Catholic chaplaincy presence on campus since 1903, when only 4% of the student body was Catholic. However, it wasn’t until 1966 that the first Mass was said in Memorial Church. And, it wasn’t until the 1980s that the Diocese appointed a full-time campus minister dedicated to Stanford. Today, 730 Permanent Community households and 1,082 Stanford students are served by 279 CC@S ministry volunteers, 3 full-time lay staff members, 3 part-time lay staff members, 1 deacon and 2 assigned priests.

WORSHIP

On average, 750 people celebrate Mass with us on Sundays during the academic year. It takes about 28 liturgical ministers (excluding the choir) to serve our three Masses. These CC@S members (students and Permanent Community) serve as altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, etc.

CHOIR

We have 85 choir members who volunteer to sing at our 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Masses.

ADULT FORMATION

Encounter Christ Small Groups, Cath 101, RCIA, Ask Me Anything, Design Your Own Spirituality, 1:1 Discipleship Ministry meetings and Newman Nights were among the many formation offerings that hundreds of CC@S members participated in throughout the year.

Did you know?

KATHERINE IRAJPAHAN, ’19
HOSPITALITY AT ITS FINEST

We have come a long way from the days of meeting and attending Mass in the St. Thomas Aquinas cellar. In 1951 Claire Booth Luce built St. Ann Chapel in Palo Alto as a memorial for her daughter Ann, killed in an accident while a student at Stanford. In the 1970s we heard about plans to open Memorial Church to Catholic services and by the 1980s, Masses were regularly held there. It wasn’t until Fr. Pat LaBelle started holding a reception at the Faculty Club at the beginning of each school year that CC@S was truly born. Each fall, the permanent community was invited for some conversation and social interaction, food and drink. During the 2008 recession, CC@S had to cut back on many things—staff, programming and the reception. I believed so strongly in the need and benefit of this gathering that I asked if we could bring the receptions back with the help of my underwriting. My offer was enthusiastically accepted and we began the receptions again!

When Fr. Xavier arrived, we moved to the priests’ residence and began including students along with the permanent community, faculty and staff. We held Mass and a picnic on the grounds. These receptions have promoted cohesiveness and connectivity between students, faculty, and families and our sense of community continues to evolve. I hope others have found the community as gratifying and fruitful as I have and that others will also enjoy how fulfilling it is to give in the ways they are called to support our CC@S ministries.
Dear Lord,

Thank you for teaching me to be generous as You have been generous with me.

Thank You for showing me that all that I am and have are gifts from You and that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared.

Show me the joys of generosity.

Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help.

Remind me that my world, my Catholic Community, needs good Samaritans to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in Your name.

Amen.