



**MISSION AND MINISTRY
ANNUAL REPORT
2015-16**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Division of Mission and Ministry enjoyed a number of noteworthy accomplishments during the 2015-16 academic year. These included multiple new initiatives, the enhancement of several established offerings as well as the creation of a strategic plan that will guide our ministry over the next five years. Highlights of our work this year include:

- **Strategic Plan.**

In careful alignment with the University-wide strategic planning process and attentive to the Student Affairs Strategic Plan, we developed a five year strategic plan for University Ministry (Appendix A). This new strategic plan was informed by focus groups conducted with current USD students as well as faculty, administrators and staff. Moreover, we investigated the ministry programs at ten peer and aspirational universities and presented a draft of our strategic plan at the Catholic Campus Ministry Association's January meeting. This research generated important feedback that has been incorporated into the final draft of the plan which we will begin to implement during the upcoming academic year and run through June of 2021.

- **First Year Student Retreat.**

We amplified our outreach to first year students by launching a new retreat designed specifically to meet their developmental needs. Offered in mid-October, the First Year Student Retreat complements our long-established Pre-Orientation Retreat by offering new students an opportunity to reflect on their first six weeks of college in a supportive environment. While Pre-O continues to thrive (with more than 70 students participating this year), the First Year Student Retreat provides us with an additional opportunity to connect even more meaningfully with students, helping them make intentional and prudential choices about their time at USD. As a new offering, we were delighted to be able to fill the retreat to capacity. Based on the incredibly positive evaluations of the 26 students who attended, we plan to expand the retreat in coming years.

- **Lift Up App.**

Mindful of the profound role of technology in our students' lives as well as the amount of time they spend using their phones, we created and launched Lift Up, an app customized to deliver spiritual, prayer and faith formation content to USD students as well as to further their engagement with our office. Available for free from the Apple iTunes store, Lift Up provides one-touch access to the daily Mass readings as well as an inspirational quote for the day. Likewise, Lift Up users are able to visit virtually a number of prayer spots on campus (i.e., Founders Chapel, The Immaculata, the Garden of the Sea, etc.) and easily access a ready-to-read prayer. The app also accepts prayer requests that the University Ministry staff receives and prays for on a weekly basis. The final feature of the app is a messaging system that students can use to send each other positive, uplifting messages using scripture quotes. The app was rolled out during a carefully orchestrated process at the start of the academic year featuring a number of email announcements and flyers (See Appendix B). Promotional materials were also distributed at the conclusion of this year's Mass of the Holy Spirit. These efforts were successful, with close to 500 people downloading the app.

- **Celebrating Pope Francis' Visit.**

In the fall, we coordinated and hosted a number of activities related to Pope Francis' apostolic visit to the United States. Of particular note, we created a special web site (www.sandiego.edu/francis) which provides a wealth of resources related to his encyclical *Laudato Si*, his U.S., the synod on the family, and the Extraordinary Year of Mercy (See Appendix C). With the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, we also cosponsored a viewing party of Francis' address to Congress and a lecture titled "Praised Be!" offered by the Executive Director of the Catholic Climate Covenant, Dan Misleh. Finally, in light of *Laudato Si*, we dedicated our October Spirituality is Served Community Dinner to the theme of spirituality and sustainability, which was attended by more than 85 students).

- **“It’s Complicated: Dating and the Hook-Up Culture.”**

Aware of the pressing need to engage students in reflection and discussion about the hook-up culture in which they live, we hosted a nationally-known speaker on the topic of relationships, intimacy and sexuality. Kerry Cronin, a Faculty Fellow in the Center for Student Formation at Boston College, addressed more than 140 students on these topics during our February Spirituality is Served Community Dinner. We also arranged for her to have a lunch-time conversation with 25 of our most active student leaders. Beyond Kerry’s visit to campus, our office continued to weave a consideration of healthy and holy sexuality into a variety of our other programs. The topic was a featured segment of both the Men’s Leadership Retreat as well as the First Year Student Retreat. Discussions of the intersection of sexuality and spirituality were included in the meetings of our men’s spirituality group.

- **Strengthened Partnership with Catholic Charities.**

While University Ministry has facilitated local service opportunities for our students for many years, these offerings were usually not directly connected to Catholic Charities. Recognizing this missed opportunity, we researched, planned and piloted a new, on-going local service opportunity with Rachel’s Women’s Shelter, a Catholic Charities shelter for women. The initial visits to the Shelter proved to be extremely successful. Thus, we plan to offer at least one of these visits per month in 2016-17. This renewed connection will enable us to engage more students in meaningful local service experiences as well as to guide them through faith-based reflections on those experiences. Finally, in order to foster a reinvigorated partnership with Catholic Charities, we have begun dedicating one collection per semester at our Sunday night Masses to support their work and to educate our students about who they serve.

- **Increasing connection with Catholic Relief Services.**

In April, we collaborated with the Center for Educational Excellence to host a faculty lunch titled “Global Solidarity: Partnering with Catholic Relief Services to Enhance Teaching and Scholarship.” Attended by almost 25 faculty members and administrators, the lunch extended and built upon our long-running, successful partnership with CRS. This partnership includes our support of a CRS student liaison as well as participating in the annual Lenten Rice Bowl Program. Through that program, our student community contributed \$1,697.89 to CRS. Moreover, after the earthquakes in Ecuador this spring, we contributed an additional \$1,834.57 to CRS’ emergency assistance efforts. Our collaboration with CRS will expand further next year as USD will be the host site of their West Regional Student Leadership Formation Weekend.

- **Sophomore Leadership and Formation.**

In order to encourage more students to invest more deeply in their leadership and faith formation, we refocused and improved our sophomore leadership program. In particular, we gathered all of our current first year students who will be serving in leadership roles next year (when they are sophomores) for a carefully designed workshop on faith, ministry and servant leadership. This presentation invited them to reflect on their experiences of God and of ministry here at USD as well as informed them of the key ministerial behaviors and tasks they will be asked to assist with in the future. This formation model extends our previous work of articulating what we mean by Servant Leadership by expressing the ways such leadership is manifested in the course of our programs. Appendix E includes our statement of servant leadership as well as our understanding of student ministry.

- **Revised Faith Sharing Groups.**

In response to changing student interest and needs, as well as in light of a consideration of models at other institutions, we revised our weekly faith sharing groups hosted in the residence halls. In particular, we changed the name of these groups from “Emmaus Groups” to “UM Small Groups.” While the Emmaus name is compelling to those familiar with that story from the Gospel of Luke, many of our students did not recognize the name and thus found it somewhat confusing. “UM Small Groups” was chosen in order to highlight their connection to our overall programming and to be as descriptive as possible. Beyond the name, we also revised the content of these groups so that each group reflects on

and to Scripture; the various groups across campus also have a shared experience that does, of course, unfold differently based on the

- **Increased Collaboration with Admissions.**

In April, we worked with our Office of Admissions to host a “Come and See” visiting day for local Catholic families. By featuring our ministry program as well as the many ways that our Catholic identity is manifested, the day encouraged Catholic students who had been accepted to USD but not yet decided where to attend college that we are the campus for them. The visit included separate panels for students and their panels, campus tours, a dinner with current University Ministry student leaders and Mass in Founders Chapel. This first effort of a Catholic visiting day was quite successful and is something that will be continued, and expanded, in future years.

- **Diocesan Partnership to Support the National Catholic Education Conference**

This spring, the Diocese of San Diego’s Office for Schools hosted the annual National Catholic Education Conference. Our office supported this enormous endeavor in three significant ways. First, we sent a staff member to serve on the liturgy planning committee for the conference, helping envision, organize and implement the daily liturgies offered during the gathering. Second, Founders Chapel Choir provided the music at the closing Mass for the conference. Finally, two of our division’s staff members offered a workshop during the event titled “Seeing the World with New Eyes: Teaching Faith through Community-Based Immersion Experiences.”

- **Continued Partnership with Career Development Center.**

For at least the past ten years, our division has enjoyed a remarkably close connection with the Career Development Center. We continued to strengthen this partnership during this past academic year, including through our established Senior Seminar and Half Time retreat programs as well as through our co-sponsorship of Adventures in Service and Careers with a Conscience. During the spring semester, we engaged with Career Development Center staff to share more intentionally information and resources related to careers and vocations in church ministry (ordained, vowed and lay) so that students considering such careers would have additional access to the appropriate support.

- **Nationally known speakers.**

In order to foster a vibrant Catholic culture on campus, the various units within Mission and Ministry worked together to host a number of nationally, and in some cases internationally, known speakers. These speakers included Fr. Dan Horan, O.F.M. who spoke on the topic of “The Name of God is Relationship”; Ron Hansen, a Catholic novelist who presented a lecture titled “Seeing Into the Middle of Things: On Being a Catholic Writer”; and Fr. Michael Higgins, O.F.M., who offered a presentation on “Mary and Francis of Assisi: Close Companions on a Lenten Journey.”

- **Programs for Faculty and Staff.**

Our programs designed for faculty and staff continue to be well attended and well received. These programs include faculty/staff prayer breakfasts (offered once each semester), twilight retreats (presented twice each semester), a contemplative living group (one per semester), and increasingly popular tours of Founders Chapel. In addition, our division presents the Catholic identity, history, mission and core values to all new university employees through the New Employee Orientation hosted by Human Resources. Finally, each January we offer the annual All Faith Service. The theme of this year’s service, “Care for our Common Home,” was chosen to continue praying and learning about Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*.

- **Mission Integration Institute.**

Working closely with the Division of Student Affairs as well as the School of Professional and Continuing Education, we implemented the fourth Mission Integration Institute. This year’s gathering attracted participants from a diversity of Catholic Universities across the country as well as from

administrators working in Catholic institutions of higher education in developing a deep understanding of the history, mission and purpose of Catholic higher education. Other emphases of the institute include fostering an understanding of faith and spirituality on Catholic campuses; how contemporary social and moral issues manifest themselves in such campus communities; and how this generation of college students study, work and recreate.

In addition to these newly developed initiatives, several continuing programs continued to achieve noteworthy success during the 2015-16 academic year. These include:

- **Graduate and law ministry.**
Our efforts to support graduate and law students continue to deepen and expand, highlighted by monthly Theology on Tap sessions. This year's gatherings were especially meaningful in that we intentionally targeted each of the graduate schools as well as invited Dr. Harris, (our new President) to serve as one of the speakers. We also continued to invite a student to co-host each Theology on Tap gathering, fostering greater enthusiasm and participation across all the various graduate schools and programs.
- **Advent and Lent On-line**
Web pages were created to provide spiritual resources and virtual retreats for the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent. The Advent page (www.sandiego.edu/advent) featured a brief, daily reflection written by a USD community member; faculty, administrators, students and alumni shared their reflections on the meaning of Advent and the readings of the day. The page also presented information on campus events related to Advent as well as a range of other web-based resources. This model deeply engaged the 20 community members who wrote the reflections as well as all those who contributed to the more than 5,000 page views it received. Similarly, the Lent web page (www.sandiego.edu/lent) presented weekly reflections written by USD community members; email reminders were sent out to all those who desired with a direct link to those reflections and push notifications were sent via the Lift Up app. Altogether, the Lenten web site received more than 2,500 page views.
- Our **retreat program** continues to thrive with customized retreats designed to challenge and support students at each stage in their USD journey. During the 2015-16 academic year, 394 students participated in one of the 10 retreats we offered. Additionally, another 169 students served as leaders during these experiences of prayer, reflection and faith formation.
- In particular, our **Pre-Orientation Retreat** was attended by 72 students; 26 students participated in our new First Year Student Retreat; 19 men attended the **Men@USD Leadership Retreat**; 40 seniors participated in two different **Senior Seminars**; 13 students attended the **Silent Retreat**; and the **Lenten Retreat** engaged more than 28 community members.
- Powerful and reflective **service and immersion experiences.** As in recent years, our monthly Tijuana Day Trips were incredibly popular with far more students interested in participating than we had capacity for. In sum, more than 100 students were able to spend a day in Tijuana, assisting with a work project, developing relationships with various community partners, learning about the reality of the U.S./Mexico border and immigration and praying about the experience. A notable highlight of this aspect of our work came in the form of two customized Tijuana day trips, one for the men of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the other for the students in Student Support Services.
- In addition to our monthly offerings in Tijuana, we continued to offer the **East Los Angeles immersion experience** during fall break, the **El Salvador immersion** during January's intersession and **Tijuana Spring Breakthrough** during the spring recess. These experiences abroad and away from USD were complemented by our ongoing engagement with **Interfaith Shelter Network**, a rotational shelter program in San Diego County, as well as Rachel's Women's Shelter, a Catholic Charities homeless shelter

- **Students for Life** and, especially, **L.I.F.E. Week**. A University Ministry sponsored and advised student organization dedicated to promoting the dignity of human life, Students for Life participated in a number of community events, hosted six campus wide service events and sponsored the annual L.I.F.E. (Living Is For Everyone) Week. The various events of L.I.F.E. week engaged more than 400 students and included a number of passive displays that were seen by countless more. This year's focus included relationship violence and sexual assault, water security, human trafficking, homelessness and abortion.
- Focused engagement with the School of Business. Two **“Thriving in Business”** sessions were offered, each of which helped business students reflect on their vocational discernment as well as to encourage the integration of spiritual development along with their academic pursuits and career preparation.
- The continued excellence of **Founders Chapel Choir**. Comprised of approximately 80 students, the Founders Chapel Choir led our campus community in prayer at an extraordinary number of Sacramental celebrations and other sacred moments. In addition to offering high quality liturgical music, the Choir also engaged in several outreach and service events (i.e., singing at the women's prison and the psychiatric hospital) and provided the members a supportive, healthy community of faith.
- Plentiful opportunities for students to serve as **liturgical ministers**. Through learning about and serving in the roles of Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server and/or Minister of Hospitality, we have formed and prepared approximately 127 students to contribute to parish leadership in the future.
- **Partnership with the Alumni Association and Admissions Office** to host a USD exhibit booth at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. Attended by more than 40,000 people, the LA Congress is a unique opportunity to communicate the myriad ways that USD's Catholic identity is alive and well. During the weekend, a great number of USD alums and perspective students stopped by the booth to reconnect with or learn more about the university. We also continued our co-sponsorship, with the Alumni Association, of the Senior Salute, a festive event that brings together our senior students in Degheri Alumni Center at the start of each academic year to welcome them back to campus and introduce them to the resources of the Alumni Association and Career Services. This year, more than 297 students attended.
- Ongoing attention to **marketing and promotion**, especially to students not already involved in University Ministry programs, utilizing both new technologies as well as traditional flyers and posters. (See appendix G for examples.)

As always, the Eucharist remained the source and summit of our faith lives and our ministry. Our liturgical celebrations are central to all of the efforts of our Division and to the life of the University. Each Sunday evening -- and at major University celebrations throughout the year -- we have brought our lives together in prayer, receiving strength from the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Word, Sacrament, and the people assembled. The USD community has also gathered in prayer each Wednesday evening during the Mass for Peace and each noon-time for daily Mass.

In addition to our weekly liturgical rhythm, we facilitated a large number of special liturgies tailored to address sacred moments in our community's life. These included the Mass of Welcome (for our new students and their families), the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a Mass during Homecoming and Family Weekend, the Red Mass, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, the Farm Workers Movement Mass and the Baccalaureate Mass.



25 students participated in this year's Tijuana Spring Breakthrough, March 18 – 24, 2016.



As a part of the Men@USD Leadership Retreat, February 19 – 21, 2016, a group of male students reflected on who they are, the most significant relationships in their lives, their faith and what it means to be a servant leader.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

LITURGY AND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Mass of Welcome: August 30, 2015

2,700 Participants

Mass of the Holy Spirit: September 10, 2015

550 Participants

All Faith Service: January 28, 2016

600 Participants

Law School Graduation Liturgy: May 13, 2016

190 Participants

Graduate School Graduation Liturgy: May 20, 2016

275 Participants

Baccalaureate Mass: May 21, 2016

1,800 Participants

Daily Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily at 12:15 p.m.

Mass for Peace: Every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.

Interfaith Prayer for Peace: September 11, 2015

30 Participants

Communal Penance Services: December 14, 2015 and March 14, 2016

250 Participants at each

Red Mass: October 5, 2015

200 Participants

Homecoming and Family Weekend Mass: October 18, 2015

500 Participants

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: December 6, 2015

750 Participants

Alumni Christmas Mass: December 12, 2015

250 Participants

Mid-Year Graduation Mass: December 18, 2015

275 Participants

Mass for Cesar Chavez and Farm Workers' Movement: March 31, 2016

100 Participants

Opus Dei Evening of Recollections: Once a month

Trustee Masses: Three times per year

Founders Chapel Choir

75 Students

Liturgical Ministers

127 Students

48 Weddings and Preparations for Marriage

40 Baptisms



Mass of the Holy Spirit: September 10, 2015.

RETREATS

Pre-Orientation Retreat: August 26 – 28, 2015

72 Participants

16 Student leaders

First Year Student Retreat: October 9 – 11, 2015

26 Participants

12 Student leaders

Senior Seminar: October 2 – 3, 2015 and February 5 – 6, 2016

40 Participants

Silent Retreat: November 6 – 8, 2015

13 Participants

Fall Search Retreat: November 13 – 15, 2015

84 Participants

69 Student leaders

Half Time Retreat: January 20 – 22, 2016

26 Participants

Men@USD Leadership Retreat: February 19 – 21, 2016

19 Participants

Lenten Retreat: February 10 – March 15, 2016

28 Participants

Spring Search Retreat: April 15 – 17, 2016

72 Participants

88 Student leaders



First Year Student Retreat: October 9 – 11, 2015.

SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Interfaith Shelter Network: October 5 – 12, 2015 and March 7 – 14, 2016

USD students staffed a rotational shelter program and developed relationships with San Diego families who are experiencing homelessness.

85 Participants

Rachel's Women's Center: January 20, February 18, March 7, and April 29, 2016

Through a new partnership with Catholic Charities at their shelter for homeless women, USD students prepared a meal and spend time visiting with the clients of Rachel's Women's Center. The evening concluded with a brief reflection and prayer.

27 Participants

East Los Angeles Immersion Experience: October 22 – 25, 2015

Offered during the fall holiday weekend, this domestic immersion experience connects USD students with Dolores Mission Parish in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles. In addition to assisting with the parish's various outreach programs, the students stayed in the homes of parishioners, learned about the founding and ongoing work of Homeboy Industries (a well known nonprofit agency designed to promote the rehabilitation of formerly incarcerated gang members) and engaged in daily prayer and reflection. The immersion experiences offered by our department are designed to help participants go deeper in their faith and make an enduring commitment to social justice.

11 Participants

El Salvador Immersion Experience: January 10 – 21, 2016

This immersion into the reality of El Salvador focused on an intensive consideration of the country's history of violence (including the 12 year civil war which ended in 1992) as well as the current challenges facing developing nations in Latin America and around the globe. Among other activities, students spent time living with families in a rural community and learning about the life of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero.

9 Participants

Tijuana Spring Break Immersion Experience: March 18 – March 24, 2016

An extended encounter with the people of Tijuana, this immersion included shared worship and prayer moments, service activities, cultural experiences, home-stays and educational workshops. Poverty, migration, global economics, trade, sustainability, and community development were among the issues considered.

19 Participants

6 Student leaders

Tijuana Day Trips

Through service projects organized by and for the San Eugenio Parish and Community Center, sponsored by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, USD students experienced the reality of Tijuana.

September 19, 2015: 17 Participants

October 10, 2015: 17 Participants

November 7, 2015: 13 Participants

November 21, 2015: 20 Participants

February 13, 2016: 20 Participants

April 2, 2016: 12 Participants

April 9, 2016: 21 Participants

May 7, 2016: 21 Participants

141 Total Participants

In addition to our regular monthly trips, we also offered two special Tijuana Day Trips. On November 7, 2015, we facilitated an experience for the **men of Beta Theta Pi fraternity**. On April 2, 2016, we arranged a special trip for members of USD's **Student Support Services** program to interact with members of a parish youth



During the Tijuana Day Trips, USD students engaged in a series of work projects alongside members of the San Eugenio parish. The most important part of these projects is the opportunity to develop relationships with the people of the community.



During the East LA immersion trip, October 22 – 25, 2015, USD students visited many different parts of Los Angeles and served at a variety of non-profits, one of which provides food to homeless men and women living on Skid Row.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA Sacraments of Initiation: April 10, 2016

3 students baptized

1 student received into full communion with Catholic Church

Sacrament of Confirmation: April 24, 2016

8 students confirmed

Spirituality is Served Community Dinners

September 8, 2015: Welcome to the USD Community of Faith (101 participants)

October 13, 2015: *Laudato Si'*: Spirituality and Sustainability (87 participants)

November 17, 2015: Solidarity (76 participants)

February 8, 2016: It's Complicated: Dating and the Hook-Up Culture (141 participants)

March 8 2016: Lent: Give Up, Take Up, Lift Up (48 participants)

April 19, 2016: Water Security (115 participants)

516 total student participants

Faith Sharing Groups

We formed and facilitated a faith sharing group in each residence hall on campus, as well as specially designed groups for student athletes and male students. Facilitated by a University Chaplain, University Minister or Resident Minister, these groups met weekly and involved prayer, sharing about life, discussion of a spiritual theme and/or Gospel text as well as a vibrant sense of community. On a regular basis, more than 100 students participated in one of these groups.

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Companionship

In addition to the programs and liturgies sponsored by the Division, staff members are available for intentional, one-on-one conversation with students. These conversations include informal, spontaneous meetings designed to help students process a particular issue or concern as well as more structured and regular meetings which take place bi-weekly or monthly. In both forms, the pastoral care is intended to help students reflect on where God is moving in their lives by offering a compassionate presence and a committed listening.

August: 130 hours

September: 284 hours

October: 268 hours

November: 227 hours

December: 183 hours

January: 108 hours

February: 270 hours

March: 219 hours

April: 168 hours

May: 203 hours

Total: 2,060 hours

OTHER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress: February 26 – 27, 2016

11 Students

13 Staff members

LIFE WEEK

Domestic Violence: 75 participants at presentation by nationally known speaker Jeffrey Bucholtz.

“One Love”: 22 participants at workshop and film based on the true story of dating violence.

Water Security/Water is Life: 122 participants at sustainably prepared dinner and educational presentation.

Human Trafficking: 43 participants at screening of documentary movie titled “Sold.”

Mass for Peace: 85 participants at Mass which intentionally focused on life issues.

“PB & Jammin’”: 81 students worked together to make more than 300 sack lunches for the homeless.

Homelessness: 27 participants at documentary movie titled “Storied Streets.”

Abortion: 41 participants at baby blanket making and women’s resource fare.

Photo Contest: 69 students submitted photos that highlighted the dignity of life.

For all the various events and programs related to LIFE Week, the **following USD departments and centers served as co-sponsors:**

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

Associated Students

Center for Health and Wellness Promotion

Changemaker Hub

Office of Sustainability

Outdoor Adventures

Women’s Center



Jeffrey Bucholtz, a dynamic, nationally known speaker on dating and relationship violence, spoke during LIFE Week (April 18 – 22, 2016). The topic of his presentation was “We End Violence.”



As a part of the Half Time Retreat, January 20 – 22, 2016, students participated in a series of presentations and workshops conducted by the Career Development Center, engaged in community service in Linda Vista and developed a strategic plan for the rest of their time at USD.



During the El Salvador immersion experience, January 10 – 21, 2016, students prayed in the church where Archbishop Oscar Romero was martyred in 1980.

Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarship

A committee from University Ministry reviews applications for the Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarship. The scholarship assists Catholic undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors who have financial need and who have demonstrated leadership capabilities in their parish, Catholic community, and/or the USD community.

37 students

COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: THRIVING IN BUSINESS

Denise Lee Yohn, author and expert in Branding and Marketing

November 13, 2015

54 participants

Steve Conroy, Ph.D., Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration

April 7, 2016

72 participants

COLLABORATION WITH DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs strategic plan working group

Sexual assault prevention task force

Hiring committee for Residential Life

Hiring committee for Counseling Center

Hiring committee for Center for Health and Wellness Promotion

Living Learning Community Committee

COLLABORATION WITH CAREER SERVICES

Staff time dedicated to serving on the Four-Year Plan Task Force

Co-sponsorship of two Adventures in Service events serving more than 80 students

Two Senior Seminars

Half Time Retreat

COLLABORATION WITH CENTER FOR INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

Staff time dedicated to serving on the diversity and inclusion working group

COLLABORATION WITH CHANGEMAKER HUB

Staff time dedicated to serving on the Changemaker Hub Core Group

Participation in Changemaker Fest

COLLABORATION WITH FRANCES G. HARPST CENTER FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Pope Francis' Address to Congress viewing Party: September 24, 2015

Praised Be! Pope Francis and the Environment: October 8, 2015

Lessons and Carols: December 11 and 13, 2016

COLLABORATION WITH FRANCISCAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Francis of Assisi and the Song of Creation: October 15, 2015

COLLABORATION WITH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Representation on the Alumni Engagement Task Force

Senior Salute, September 1, 2015: 297 participants

Representation on Alumni board

Alumni Christmas Mass: December 12, 2015

COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Representative on USD Magazine Advisory Board

GRADUATE AND LAW STUDENT MINISTRY

Theology on Tap

September 17, 2015: Finding Meaningful Community (co-facilitated by Mark Peters and Ariela Canizal, GA for Graduate Student Life), 34 participants

October 27, 2015: Lunch with President Harris (co-facilitated by Vanessa Montgomery, GSA President, and Mariann Sanchez, Coordinator of the Graduate Student Life), 23 participants

November 17, 2015: Thanksgiving Lunch (co-facilitated by Bridget Gramme, USD Center for Public Interest Law, and Erin Lupfer, 2nd year Law Student), 28 participants

February 9th: Connecting Interior Life to Social Change (facilitated by Grace Michel, Assistant Director of USD's Center for Peace and Commerce), 21 participants

March 10th: My Journey (facilitated by Nick Ladany, Dean of SOLES), 23 participants

129 total student participants

Service Events for Graduate and Law Students

September 19, 2015: 4 student participants

November 9, 2015: 1 student participant

February 13, 2016: 4 student participant

April 9, 2016: 4 student participants

13 total student participants

Collaboration with School of Nursing in Tijuana, Mexico

October 17, 2015: Health Education and Screening Fair, 15 students and 2 faculty members served more than 100 families

March 5, 2016: visit to assist free community clinic, 4 students and 1 professor

April 16, 2016: Health Education and Screening Fair, 12 students, 3 administrators, and 2 faculty members served more than 100 families

57 total participants



Through our growing partnership with the School of Nursing, students and faculty travelled to Tijuana three times this academic year

FACULTY/STAFF PRAYER BREAKFAST

Fr. Daniel Horan, OFM

“Thomas Merton: A Mystic and Prophet of Our Time”

November 10, 2015

79 participants

Dr. Jeffrey Burns

“Love is Here to Stay and That’s Enough: The Art of Sr. Corita Kent”

March 17, 2016

65 participants

FACULTY/STAFF TWILIGHT RETREATS

Fr. John Keller, OSA

“Christian Hope and God’s Mercy”

September 22, 2015

10 participants

Fr. Fr. Dominic DeLay, OFM

“Pope Francis, St. Francis and You”

October 20, 2015

28 participants

Sr. Marie Louise Flick, RSCJ

“Seeking Simplicity: The Pearl of Real Life”

February 18, 2016

10 participants

Fr. Gino Correa, OFM

“Forgiving is not Forgetting”

April 21, 2016

20 participants

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING GROUP

Fall 2015 (September 17 – November 5, 2015)

5 participants

Spring 2016 (February 10 – April 6, 2016)

6 participants

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

All new staff and administrators are required by Human Resources to attend an orientation at which there is a presentation and discussion regarding the Catholic identity, mission, core values, history and heritage of the University as well as an explanation of Catholic social thought and its application. During 2015-2016, approximately 176 employees participated.

TRANSFER STUDENT CONVOCATION

A presentation is given to all transfer students regarding the history, Catholic identity, mission and core values including Catholic social thought.

January 21, 2016: 85 students

TOURS OF FOUNDERS CHAPEL

The tour includes the history and heritage of USD as well as an explanation of the art of Founders Chapel.

August 30, 2015: 50 participants for Parent Orientation

October 7, 2015: 25 participants

November 6, 2015: 19 participants

March 3, 2016: 25 participants

April 26, 2016: 27 participants

May 10, 2016: 17 participants

163 total participants

23RD ANNUAL ALL FAITH SERVICE

Care for Our Common Home

Shiley Theatre

January 28, 2016

600 faculty, staff and student participants

USD ALUMNI BOARD

Mass before one Board meeting

Prayer before every Board meeting

Annual Christmas Mass in Founders Chapel

Update on Mission and Ministry during Board meetings

26 Board Members



On April 24, 2016, Bishop Robert McElroy joined us for the annual Confirmation Mass.

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

The Center for Christian Spirituality (CCS) is an expression of the University of San Diego's core values. We seek to serve our San Diego community at large and its surrounding areas, with programming that contributes to the spiritual development of all.

Based on Christian spirituality rooted in the Roman Catholic tradition, the CCS welcomes a broad horizon for learning, understanding, dialogue, and appreciation of the diversity of beliefs and cultures that enrich our community. As part of a university setting, and the division of Mission and Ministry, the Center cherishes both faith and reason and wishes to support all who seek to shape their lives in a manner consonant with their deepest values and meaning.

Faces of Spirituality: Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Evangelic and Hindu Perspectives

October 10, 2015

64 participants

Fr. Peter Gyves, SJ

"Awaken to a New Way of Living Your Faith: A Weekend Ignatian Retreat"

November 6 – 7, 2015

60 participants

Fr. Daniel Horan, OFM

"The Name of God is Relationship"

347 participants

Fr. Garret Galvin, OFM

Day of Reflection for Youth Ministers in Diocese of San Diego

December 10, 2015

22 participants

Ron Hansen

"Seeing Into the Middle of Things: On Being a Catholic Writer"

March 3, 2016

62 participants

Fr. Michael Higgins, OFM

"Mary and Francis of Assisi: Close Companions on a Lenten Journey"

March 15, 2016

26 participants

APPENDIX A

University Ministry Strategic Plan

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

Mission Statement:

University Ministry is committed to promoting the integration of personal and informed faith, the principles and practice of Catholic Social Thought, and the knowledge and experience of Christian living for the entire USD community.

Vision:

We facilitate opportunities for students to feel an authentic sense of belonging; to explore, deepen and grow in their belief; and to become the people God has created them to be.

2016 – 2021 Strategic Plan:

1. Gather students for evangelization

- Especially for Eucharist and other liturgical celebrations;
- with particular attention to first and second year students;
- and ongoing outreach to particular groups and populations.

2. Faith Formation

- A positive experience of being a part of a Christian community;
- vibrant relationship with Jesus;
- an interior life and an expanded prayer life;
- an active involvement with the poor and others on the margins;
- a commitment to caring for our common home;
- increased appreciation for richness and relevance of the Catholic tradition;
- better understanding of the world's religions.

3. Leadership Development

- Understanding of and experience with servant leadership;
- ability to make and keep commitments;
- confidence in their ability to contribute to parish projects, endeavors and groups;
- propensity to step forward to assist when appropriate.

4. Vocational Discernment

- Understanding of vocation as calling;
- particularly as the intersection of deep gladness and world's deep needs;
- familiarity with the practice of discernment;
- openness to church ministry, including vowed religious life, lay ministry and/or parish leadership.

5. Send students

- Equipped with understanding of their particular gifts and talents;
- prepared to take up servant leadership in parishes;
- dedicated to a life-long commitment to solidarity;
- and inspired to make the world more just, humane and sustainable.

APPENDIX B

Promotional Materials for the Lift Up App



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USO Lift Up Mobile App

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APPENDIX C

Pope Francis Web Site

Pope Francis

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Since his election in March of 2013, Pope Francis has captured the attention of people around the globe in an unprecedented manner. The first non-European Pope in a thousand years, the first ever Pope from South America, the first Jesuit Pope, and the first Pope to adopt the name Francis, he has generated remarkable interest, perhaps most notably exemplified by Time Magazine designating him as the person of the year. Starting the fall of 2013, as he visits the United States, discusses his encyclical on the environment, continues the second session of the synod on the family and launches the extraordinary year of mercy, Pope Francis will continue to be featured in the news.

Contact Information

Pope Francis

University Center 228
5988 Acacia Ave.

Office Hours

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



APPENDIX D

University Ministry Servant Leader Formation Materials

University Ministry Servant Leaders accompany others by being:

Grounded in our faith: We take time for our own personal spiritual development and relationship with God. We recognize that questions, doubts and struggles with our faith are natural and sacred, and we journey with God with as much trust as we can through moments of uncertainty.

Humble: We are people still in formation, always growing and learning from those we serve. We are mindful that we don't have all the answers. Our passion to serve and our willingness to lead is an answer to God's call. We embrace the fact that much of our work will be behind the scenes and often unglamorous.

Other focused: Our vision is to live out a ministry of hospitality, being welcoming and inclusive of all. We strive to put the needs of those we serve before our own. We are especially attentive to those on the margins, and those who are most in need.

Generous with our gifts: We recognize that we are each children of God who have been blessed with unique graces and gifts. With grateful hearts, we share generously our talents, time, compassion, love and energy with our community and the world.



APPENDIX E

Assorted Photos



Students, administrators, staff and faculty joined in celebrating the Mass of the Holy Spirit in The Immaculata on September 10, 2015.



More than 500 people attended the Mass during which we prayed for the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit over all aspects of our university life.



During the First Year Student Retreat, 26 new USD students spend the weekend reflecting on their first 6 weeks of college while, praying and worshipping together and engaging in a variety of teambuilding and fun outdoor activities.



The theme of the First Year Student Retreat was "Changes, Choices, Challenges."



Held February 19 – 21, 2016, the Men@USD Leadership Retreat was attended by 19 students. In addition to a series of reflections and prayer experiences, the weekend includes a high ropes course.



During the annual Changemaker Fest, we partnered with the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture to provide information about how Pope Francis invites us to consider our role as Catholic Changemaker. Students were encouraged to take a “selfie” with the Pope



During the El Salvador immersion experience, students spent 4 days living and developing relationships with families in the rural village of Guarjilla.



As a part of each Romero Immersion Program, including the El Salvador immersion, students reflect on and pray about their experience each day.



During Tijuana Spring Breakthrough, students helped paint Casa del Migrante, a migrant shelter run by the Scalibrni Priests.



In addition to completing multiple work projects, the 25 students who participated in Tijuana Spring Breakthrough spent 3 days and 2 nights living and developing relationships with host families from the San Eugenio parish community.



During fall holiday, October 22 – 25, 2015, 11 students participated in the East Los Angeles immersion experience.



Among other service activities, the East LA immersion included an opportunity for USD students to tutor the children of Dolores Mission parish school.



During the September Tijuana Day Trip, USD students helped with a renovation project for one of the chapels in Tijuana.



One of the most powerful aspects of our Tijuana Day Trips is the way that the youth of the San Eugenio Parish welcome our USD groups and spend time with us developing relationships.



Each Tijuana Day Trip includes a visit to the U.S./Mexico border where students learn about immigration issues and are invited to pray for those who have died trying to cross the border.



At the conclusion of the day, our group visits the beach for a reflection and prayer, followed by a taco dinner.



Each spring, Students for Life sponsors a week of activities and educational programs that call attention to major life issues such as domestic violence, water security, human trafficking, homelessness and abortion. L.I.F.E. Week fosters an increased appreciation for human dignity



During LIFE Week, lawn displays educate the campus community about various life issues. Here, the focus is human trafficking.



LIFE Week also includes a photography contest. Responding to the prompt of “Celebrating Human Life,” more than 65 photos were submitted and displayed in the University Center.



As a part of LIFE Week we dedicated the April Spirituality is Served to the theme of Water is Life. A sustainable dinner was served and a variety of interactive presentations were offered.



To highlight Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*, the October Spirituality is Served dinner focused on intersection of spirituality and sustainability.



The March Spirituality is Served dinner addressed "Lent: Give Up, Take Up, Lift Up." After enjoying a meal, students reflected on the meaning of Lent in their lives and were offered encouragement for how to grow closer to Jesus over the course of Holy Week.



Each of the two Senior Seminars we offer each year begins with a networking event and dinner hosted by the USD Alumni Association. USD alums share their advice and guidance with our seniors.



The second day of the Senior Seminar includes a series of presentations from the Career Development Center as well as a workshop of discernment and vocation.



Between the two offerings this year, 157 students attended the Search Retreat and another 157 students helped lead it.



Search centers around a series of witness talks given by students, followed by time for discussion, reflection and prayer in small groups.



During the Pre-O Retreat, new students are encouraged by their older USD peers to make their faith a priority during their time in college.



The Pre-O student leaders prepare to welcome our new students. All of our retreats involve student leaders, giving them additional opportunities to continue their faith development.



72 students attended this year's Pre-O. Each year, one of the highlights of the experience is a sunrise hike.



The theme of pre-O is "Belong, Believe and Become!"



Each year, close to 150 students are trained to serve in a variety of roles as liturgical ministers, including as lectors.



With more than 75 members, Founders Chapel Choir provided music at each of the Sunday night Masses as well as at special liturgies throughout the year.



The last Sunday evening Masses of each semester are candlelight Masses during which we give thanks for all the blessings of the term and bless those who will be graduating or leaving for study abroad.



Candlelight Mass: May 15, 2016.



Half Time Retreat for sophomores.



Each month, we sponsor a Theology on Tap session of for graduate and law students. In October, we were honored to host USD's new President, Dr. James Harris, as the speaker.



Baccalaureate Mass: May 21, 2016.



At the Baccalaureate Mass, one of our most cherished traditions is to have graduating