



MISSION AND MINISTRY
ANNUAL REPORT
2018-19

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Division of Mission and Ministry accomplished numerous strategic goals during the 2018-19 academic year. These included several new initiatives as well as the enhancement of many established offerings. Highlights of our work this year include:

- **Ministry Center.**

After multiple years of intense fundraising and preparation, construction on the Ministry Center was completed and our staff moved into their new offices. In preparation for the transition, we developed a comprehensive programming plan for the new multi-purpose room that will build on our existing offerings while also creating new opportunities for events focused on spiritual growth, faith development and communicating the mission and Catholic identity of the university. A number of dedication and formal opening events of the Ministry Center are scheduled for early September, just after the start of the new academic year.

- **Athletics Mission Integration Plan.**

In partnership with the Athletic Director and the senior leadership team of the Athletics Department, we created a mission integration plan for Athletics. Throughout the year, we accomplished each point of the plan. This included the first Blessing of the Toreros, a gathering of all 450 student athletes in Founders Chapel for a short reflection, prayer and blessing (see appendix A). This work also included having two of the varsity teams attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit in the fall and two others attend the All Faith Service in the spring. Additionally, we renamed and re-energized the bible study and faith sharing group offered specifically to student-athletes – now called Torero Athletic Fellowship. We continued to designate University Chaplains to support the football, men’s basketball and baseball teams, as well as all members of the Athletics department. Finally, we worked in close collaboration with the Diocese to host Catholic Schools Night at a Men’s Soccer game in November as well as at a Men’s Basketball game in January, inviting students and families from all Catholic schools in the Diocese to attend.

- **Faculty Learning Community.**

In partnership with the Center for Educational Excellence, we offered a Faculty Learning Community on the theme of “Finding Vocation and Purpose.” A group of 10 faculty members met monthly in order to reflect on their own vocations and to explore how they can integrate vocational discernment into their teaching, research and service. Each participant agreed to implement at least one specific enhancement to their professional work next year in order to reflect their experience in the Learning Community.

- **UM Small Groups.**

One of our strategic goals for the year was to refresh and expand the small groups we offer in each residence hall on campus. After researching a variety of models, we incorporated a great deal of the content from the Christian Life Communities that are popular at several Jesuit colleges and universities. While retaining the established name of UM Small Groups, we adopted a new description of the purpose of these groups as “Make Great Friends. Experience God’s Love. Discern God’s Call.” As a result of reevaluating the groups’ content and dedicating greater energy and a higher priority to them, we exceeded our goal of increasing student participation in the groups by 10%.

- **University Ministry Scholars.**

Working closely with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, we implemented a new recruitment and scholarship program for Catholic students. Designed to help accomplish the University’s enrollment management goals related to the percentage of Catholic students, the UM Scholars program enrolled 26 students this year. The number will grow as we add 20-25 students to the cohort each year. All those participating receive dedicated support from the University Ministry team and are expected to participate in an intentional four-year formation program; at the conclusion of their participation in the program,

these students will be especially well prepared to assume leadership in their parishes, work places, civic associations and other settings.

- **Rachel's Night Shelter.**

Another of our strategic goals for the year was to expand our local service offerings in order to foster the university's efforts to function as an anchor institution. Our partnership with Rachel's Night Shelter, a program run by Catholic Charities serving homeless women and children, flourished this year. We facilitated 12 visits to the shelter (our most ever), allowing 105 students (also our most ever) to have a meaningful experience of community engagement while learning about the reality of homelessness in our city. As the program continued to grow and become more popular on campus, several groups asked to take responsibility for an evening. These groups included the Women's Varsity Soccer Team as well as the fraternity Beta Theta Pi. Throughout the year, we witnessed a 50% increase in the number of students participating in our Rachel's Night Shelter program.

- **Mission Integration Institute.**

Working closely with the Division of Student Affairs, we implemented the seventh annual Mission Integration Institute. This year's conference brought 25 participants from a wide diversity of Catholic Universities around the country as well as from Australian Catholic University. This year's cohort also included individuals from three campuses who were participating for the first time. The 4 ½ day institute assists entry-level to mid-career professional administrators working at Catholic colleges and universities in developing a deep understanding of the history, mission and purpose of Catholic higher education. Other emphases include fostering an understanding of faith and spirituality on Catholic campuses; and how contemporary social and moral issues manifest themselves in such campus communities.

- **Vocational Exploration.**

Funded in part by a grant from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education and the Council for Independent Colleges, we offered a variety of new programs to assist students in discerning who they are and how they can best offer their gifts and talents to the world. A highlight of these efforts was the Senior Launch Nights, a partnership with the Career Development Center, the Alumni Association and Student Affairs. Each of the five evenings in the series was an enjoyable, empowering event specifically designed to introduce seniors to the resources and people who can help them thrive during their transition to post college life. Additionally, in November we collaborated with the School of Business to host leadership expert and best-selling author Ken Blanchard for a reflective discussion about faith and work. These new initiatives complement the many existing efforts to help student discern who they are called to become.

- **Interfaith Collaboration.**

During the academic year, we significantly deepened our relationship with Hillel/Jewish Student Union, the Muslim Student Association and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Several notable highlights were the Interfaith Prayer for Peace held on September 11th, the continued practice of collaborating closely with these partners for the All Faith Service as well as working with Hillel to sponsor the Interfaith Social Justice Passover Seder Meal. Additionally, we worked closely with the Muslim Student Association to address their concerns about halal food options available on campus. We also enhanced our partnership with an imam from the San Diego Islamic Center, especially in order to support students after the death of one of our students who identified as Muslim.

- **Catechetical Certification Program.**

In response to a need identified by our partners in the Diocese, we worked closely with the Office of Schools and the Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry to launch a new hybrid program for schoolteachers to earn their Basic Catechetical Formation Certificate. 22 individuals participated, building the foundation of their pastoral, spiritual and theological knowledge.

- **LIFE Week.**

During the first week of April, Students for Life, a student organization advised by University Ministry, hosted a weeklong series of events dedicated to promoting the dignity of life and educating the campus community about the consistent ethic of life. The week included a photography contest through which students were encouraged to take a picture that captured the celebration of human life. Sixty entries were received, judged by a panel including members of the Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty members and students, and displayed throughout the week in the University Center. A panel on human dignity included three USD professors' reflections on the connection between their disciplines and human dignity. A Spirituality is Served Dinner focused on the dignity of the incarcerated and brought to campus an alumna who spoke about her experience ministering at Donovan State Prison. The week also included a lunch making event during which students made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be distributed by Father Joe's Villages as well as a mental health fair. Altogether, LIFE Week engaged more than 500 students and involved collaboration from seven USD departments.

- **Summer Faith Formation Challenge.**

Twenty-four students participated in this program during the summer of 2018, committing to praying individually each day, attending Mass each week, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once and reading *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* by Fr. Ronald Rolhesier, OMI. Each participant wrote a reflection on their experience and published it on a blog on the University Ministry web site. The program was successful in providing structure and support to students during the summer months, encouraging them to stay committed to their relationship with Christ as they spent time away from the USD campus and the Founders Chapel community.

- **Women's Spirituality Retreat.**

Inspired by the success of our Men@USD Leadership Retreat, we expanded and enhanced the Women's Spirituality Retreat. The program brought together 16 female students for a unique weekend that included different forms of prayer interspersed with reflections on friendships, romantic relationships, self-care, being God's beloved and living with integrity as women of God. The retreat was complimented by the bi-weekly Women's Group which, meeting throughout the year, supported more than 20 students in their spiritual growth, identity development and commitment to well-being.

- **Tijuana Spring Breakthrough.**

This long-running USD tradition offered 14 students and 4 student leaders to spend a week living with and learning from our community partners across the border. Our professional staff members who led the immersion experience worked closely with staff from University Advancement on an article that was published by Catholic News Service, appearing in Catholic newspapers around the country as well as on the web site [Crux](#).

- **Encuentro Espiritual.**

Emerging from USDs participation in the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry in 2017-18, the Encunetro Espiritual retreat was intentionally designed to meet the spiritual needs of our Hispanic/Latino students. This "Spiritual Encounter" was conducted entirely in Spanish and took place in Tijuana, in partnership with the parish young adult group with whom we have a long relationship. This year, we enhanced the program by also inviting the young adults from Tijuana to the USD campus for a weekend during which they were hosted by our Spanish speaking Hispanic/Latino students.

- **Assessment.**

Our efforts to track participation in our programs and to assess their impact continue to improve. Enabled by the university's use of Salesforce, these initiatives allow us to document the extensive and increasing involvement of students in the various offerings sponsored by University Ministry as well as to identify

trends, gaps and opportunities for increased engagement and/or creative programming. Moreover, this year we added qualitative data collected from student focus groups. We will continue to leverage the quantitative and qualitative data to inform our programs and improve the services we offer.

- **Online Advent Calendar.**

With the support of University Advancement, we created and launched the second [USD online Advent calendar](#). More than 2,500 people interacted at least once with the calendar, receiving a variety of prayers, reflections, songs and Advent traditions as well as reflections on the daily scripture readings. These statistics indicate that the second year of offering the calendar reached many more individuals, driven primarily by increased parents and alumni engagement.

- **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.**

In collaboration with colleagues across campus, University Ministry helped plan and implement the second annual USD Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (see appendix E). The large tree was placed purposefully at the top of Paseo de Colachis, adjacent to The Immaculata, and therefore visible throughout much of campus. On November 27th, 350 people gathered for a beautiful ceremony during which President Harris and student leaders spoke, the tree was blessed and the lights were turned on. Those in attendance lit hand-held candles to symbolize each one's opportunity to participate in light overcoming darkness. Torero Program Board was one of the co-sponsors of the event and planned their Winter Wonderland social evening immediately after the ceremony. The tree remained in place, decorated and illuminated, throughout the month of December.

- **Critical incidents.**

The University Ministry team played a leading role in responding to a number of extremely difficult incidents throughout the year. These unfortunate events included the attacks on houses of worship in Pittsburgh, Christ Church, Sri Lanka and Poway, after which we led prayer vigils (see appendix F) as well as the crisis at the U.S./Mexico border and the death of students.

In addition to these newly developed and/or strategic initiatives, several continuing programs continued to achieve noteworthy success during the 2018-19 academic year. These include:

- **Liturgy.**

The Eucharist remains the source and summit of all we do. We offer Mass every Sunday at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., each weekday at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. In addition, we invite all members of the university community to celebrate campus-wide liturgies to mark special occasion in our communal life – including the Mass of Welcome, Mass of the Holy Spirit, Red Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, All Faith Service and Baccalaureate Mass.

- **Programs for Faculty and Staff.**

The Division of Mission and Ministry continues to offer programs for faculty and staff, including faculty/staff prayer breakfasts (offered once each semester), twilight retreats (also presented once each semester), a gratitude group and tours of Founders Chapel. All of these are well attended and very well received. This year, we offered two new initiatives to faculty: The previously mentioned Faculty Learning Community as well as a “Designing Your Life Workshop.” 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. Each January we offer the annual All Faith Service. The theme of this year's service was “Hospitality: An Invitation to Healing and Wholeness.”

- **Graduate and law ministry.**

Our efforts to support graduate and law students continue to deepen and expand. Monthly Theology on Tap sessions brought graduate and law students together for intentional, authentic conversations centered on a thoughtfully selected topics connecting faith and spirituality. One of the most well received sessions was a partnership with Hillel during which Rabbi Gary Oren spoke about the Jewish understanding of God. Graduate and law students also received encouragement to participate in the Silent Retreat and the Lenten Retreat as well as our monthly Tijuana Day Trips; likewise, this population of students was invited to participate in spiritual direction with our staff person especially dedicated to them. A final highlight of our support of graduate and law students this year was our support of the Academy of Catholic Teachers in the School of Leadership and Education Sciences. For that group, our office facilitates two separate days of reflection, one at the start of the year and the other during Lent.

- **Retreat Program.**

With eleven retreats offered throughout the academic year, our retreat program continues to thrive. These retreats provide students with unique opportunities to disconnect from technology; enter into authentic relationships with their peers; make meaning from their college experience; discern their vocation; and grow in their relationship with Christ and with God. Comprised of retreats designed to meet the needs and interests of students along each stage of their four years in college, our program includes the Pre-Orientation Retreat, First Year Student Retreat, Search Retreat (once each semester), Silent Retreat, Half Time, Founders Chapel Choir Retreat, Encuentro Espiritual, Lenten Retreat, Men@USD Leadership Retreat and the Women's Spirituality Retreat. Altogether, more than 450 students participated in one of these experiences. In addition, many of our retreats involved student leaders; approximately 225 students served in a leadership role for one of the retreats facilitated by our office. A noteworthy example of the popularity of our retreats was the Spring Search Retreat. More than 90 students attended this spring's Search Retreat, with another 103 helping to lead it.

- **RCIA and Confirmation.**

During the 2018-19 academic year, two students were prepared to be baptized, one student made her profession of faith in communion with the Catholic Church, three students received first communion and 11 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- **Half Time.**

In partnership with the Career Development Center, we continue to offer Half Time, a program carefully designed to assist sophomore students in exploring the purpose and direction of their lives. The experience involves a variety of self-assessment and self-awareness activities (such as the Clifton StrengthsFinder); presentations from Career Development staff on resume writing and the job search process; a panel with popular USD professors; reflection; community engagement; social events and the creation of an action plan to guide the participants through the process of choosing a major as well as decisions related to study abroad, internships and graduate school. The number of students who attended this year's Half Time increased by 25%. The Summer 2019 edition of USD Magazine featured the program.

- **Stations of the Cross.**

To help students prepare for Holy Week and the Triduum, we offered the Stations of the Cross on April 10th. The simple prayer focused on entering fully into Jesus' Passion so that we might more deeply experience His passion and resurrection. More than 40 students attended. In addition to the Stations, we also facilitated a Lenten Penance Service as well as the Lenten Retreat.

- The continued excellence of **Founders Chapel Choir.**

Comprised of approximately 50 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 96 students to contribute to parish leadership in the future.



The Pre-Orientation Retreat welcomed 88 new first year students to campus and to University Ministry in August. Twenty students welcomed them and served as leaders of the experience.



Each Sunday night, our community gathers for Mass in Founders Chapel at
7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

LITURGY AND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Mass of Welcome: September 2, 2018

3,000 Participants

September 11th Interfaith Prayer for Peace: September 11, 2018

100 Participants

Mass of the Holy Spirit: September 13, 2018

600 Participants

All Faith Service: January 31, 2019

350 Participants

Law School Graduation Liturgy: May 17, 2019

175 Participants

Graduate School Graduation Liturgy: May 24, 2019

250 Participants

Baccalaureate Mass: May 25, 2019

1,600 Participants

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

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

Communal Penance Services: December 10, 2018 and April 8, 2019

250 Participants at each

Red Mass: October 1, 2018

150 Participants

Homecoming and Family Weekend Mass: October 14, 2018

400 Participants

Alumni Christmas Mass: December 1, 2018

250 Participants

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: December 9, 2018

750 Participants

Mid-Year Graduation Mass: December 14, 2018

275 Participants

Grandparents' Weekend Mass: February 23, 2019

250 Participants

Mass for Cesar Chavez and Farm Workers' Movement: March 28, 2019

75 Participants

Opus Dei Evening of Recollections: Once a month

Trustee Masses: Three times per year

Founders Chapel Choir

50 students

Liturgical Ministers

96 students

Eucharistic Adoration

September 25, 2018: 28 students

November 13, 2018: 17 students

December 11, 2015: 15 students

March 19, 2019: 18 students

April 30, 2019: 17 students

95 total students

49 Weddings and Preparations for Marriage

58 Baptisms



On September 13, 2018, Bishop John P. Dolan presided at the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a tradition at Catholic colleges and universities dating back to the first European universities in the Middle Ages. As a part of our partnership with Athletics, the Baseball and Softball teams attended the Mass and were represented in the liturgy.

RETREATS

Pre-Orientation Retreat: August 28 – 30, 2018

88 Participants

20 Student leaders

First Year Student Retreat: October 5 – 7, 2018

67 Participants

17 Student leaders

Silent Retreat: November 2 – 4, 2018

16 Participants

Fall Search Retreat: November 2 – 4, 2018

74 Participants

66 Student leaders

Choir Retreat: November 16 – 17, 2018

20 Participants

Mass of the Holy Spirit: September 10, 2015.

Half Time: January 24 – 25, 2019

28 Participants

Men@USD Leadership Retreat: February 15 – 17, 2019

22 Participants

5 Student Leaders

Encuentro Espiritual: February 23 – 24, 2019

10 Participants

Lenten Retreat: March 6 – April 25, 2019

31 Participants

Spring Search Retreat: April 12 – 14, 2019

92 Participants

103 Student leaders

Women's Spirituality Retreat: April 26 – 28, 2019

16 Participants



Pre-Orientation Retreat: August 23 – 25, 2016.

SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Rachel's Women's Center: September 20, October 2 and 24, November 15 and 29, 2018 and February 21, March 19, 20 and 21, April 1 and 30, May 7, 2019.

Through a vibrant partnership with Catholic Charities at their downtown shelter for homeless women, USD students prepare a meal and spend time visiting with the clients of Rachel's Women's Center. Each evening concludes with reflection and prayer.

12 total visits

105 participants

10 student leaders

East Los Angeles Immersion Experience: October 18 – 21, 2018

Offered during the fall holiday weekend, this 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 stay in the homes of parishioners, learn about the founding and ongoing work of Homeboy Industries (a nationally known nonprofit agency designed to promote the rehabilitation of formerly incarcerated gang members) and engage 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.

10 participants

1 student leader

San Diego Immersion Experience: January 14 – 18, 2019

In support of the university's strategic plan and its emphasis on serving as an Anchor Institution, this local immersion focuses on issues of hunger, homelessness, affordable housing, veterans' services and access to healthcare. Like our other Romero Immersion programs, this immersion is based on the values of social justice, spirituality, solidarity and simplicity. Participating students spent the week engaged in relationship building, service, education, reflection and prayer. The group stayed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Barrio Logan, and worked closely with, among other agencies, Catholic Charities, Father Joe's Villages and Nativity Prep Academy.

10 participants

1 student leader

Tijuana Spring Break Immersion Experience: March 1 – March 7, 2019

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

14 participants

4 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 15, 2018: 17 participants

October 13, 2018: 15 participants

November 10, 2018: 23 participants

December 1, 2018: 3 participants

February 9, 2019: 16 participants

March 30, 2019: 17 participants

April 6, 2019: 14 participants

105 total participants



During Tijuana Spring Breakthrough, 18 USD students spent the week living the values of spirituality, simplicity, social justice and solidarity alongside the members of the San Eugenio parish.



During the East LA immersion trip, October 18 - 21, 2018, USD students visited many different parts of Los Angeles and served at a variety of

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA Sacraments of Initiation: April 28, 2019

2 students baptized

1 student received into full communion with the Catholic Church

3 students received first Eucharist

Sacrament of Confirmation: May 5, 2019

11 students

Spirituality is Served Community Dinners

September 16, 2018: Welcome to USD and UM (195 participants)

October 9, 2018: Saints, Witnesses and Holy People for our Time (55 participants)

April 2, 2019: Dignity of the Incarcerated (54 participants)

April 24, 2019: Interfaith Social Justice Passover Seder (47 participants)

354 Total Participants

Faith Sharing Groups

We formed and facilitated a faith sharing group (UM Small Groups) in each residence hall on campus, as well as specially designed groups for student athletes, male students and female 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. In addition, groups were specially convened for student athletes (28 students), men (43 students) and women (20 students).

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Companionship

In addition to the liturgies and programs sponsored by the Division, staff members are available for intentional, one-on-one conversation. 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: 84 hours

September: 202 hours

October: 188 hours

November: 162 hours

December: 135 hours

January: 62 hours

February: 182 hours

March: 204 hours

April: 226 hours

May: 115 hours

Total: 1,560 hours

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress: February 22 – 24, 2019

8 staff members

SENIOR LAUNCH NIGHT

In partnership with the Career Development Center, the Alumni Association and Student Affairs, Senior Launch Night provides graduating seniors an enjoyable, empowering evening of events specifically designed to help them prepare for life after graduation. Informed by best practices in career development and the latest research on which strategies lead to fulfilling lives, the Senior Launch introduces students to the resources and people who can help them thrive during a challenging transitional time. The event includes opportunities to network with recent USD alumni, strategize about the job search process, reflect on their time at USD thus far and look forward with confidence to life beyond college.

September 17, 2018: 24 students

October 17, 2018: 11 students

November 13, 2018: 30 students

February 5, 2019: 22 students

April 24, 2019: 22 students

110 total participants

STUDENTS FOR LIFE

Baby Blanket Making (in collaboration with Christ Child Society): September 28, 2018 and February 22, 2019: 50 students

Baby Starter Pack Making: April 26, 2019: 6 students

LIFE WEEK

Human Dignity Panel: 36 students

Dignity of the Incarcerated: 54 students

Praying for Life: 75 students at Praise and Worship, Rosary for Life and Mass for Peace focused on abortion.

Homelessness: 86 students packed 350 lunches for Fr. Joe's Villages.

Mental Health Fair: 57 students

Walk for Life: 8 students

Photo Contest: 60 students submitted photos that highlighted the beauty and dignity of life.



As a part of LIFE Week (April 1 – 6, 2019), Students for Life hosted a noon-time service event during which 86 students made more than 350 sack lunches that were delivered to Father Joe's Villages.



In collaboration with Hillel San Diego and the Jewish Student Union, we hosted an Interfaith Passover Seder on April 24, 2019. More than 50 students attended the dinner during which they learned more about the Seder tradition and enjoyed a kosher meal.



Held February 15 – 17, 2019, the Men@USD Leadership Retreat helped male students think critically about what it means to be a man in today's world and to support one another in becoming the kind of men they most long to be.

COLLABORATION WITH STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Presentation to Summer Bridge Students: August 28, 2018
81 participants

PARTNERSHIP WITH DIOCESE

School Teachers Day of Reflection: August 14, 2018
350 participants

Bishop Robert W. McElroy Listening Session: November 5, 2018
250 participants

Catholic Schools Night with Men's Soccer: November 9, 2018
25 participants
6 Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Night with Men's Basketball: January 26, 2019
700 participants
28 Catholic Schools

COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: THRIVING IN BUSINESS

Dr. Ken Blanchard: Faith at Work
October 9, 2018
68 participants

COLLABORATION WITH DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Leader Dedication Ceremony: August 29, 2018

350 participants
Collaborative Professional Development: April 17, 2019
80 participants
Student Success Steering Committee
Hiring committee for Residential Life
Hiring committee for Counseling Center
Hiring committee for The Commons

COLLABORATION WITH CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Co-sponsorship of two Adventures in Service events serving more than 100 students
Five Senior Launch Nights
Half Time Retreat
Hiring committee for Career Development Center

COLLABORATION WITH CHANGEMAKER HUB

Dive into Changemaking events: September 3, 2018
Tyme for Change: Human Migration and Environmental Justice: 80 participants
Homelessness in San Diego: 40 participants
Staff time dedicated to serving on the Changemaker Hub Core Group

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

Lessons and Carols: December 8 and 9, 2018
Dr. Kelly James Clark: Strangers, Neighbors, Friends: February 18, 2019
Switgal Lecture: Rev. Bryan Massingale, When Order Masks Disorder: The Limits of Dialogue in Catholic Approaches to Racial Justice: March 26, 2019
Clergy Sex Abuse Crisis: April 20, 2019

COLLABORATION WITH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Senior Salute, September 4, 2018: 280 participants
Representation on Alumni board
Alumni Christmas Mass: December 8, 2018

COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Presentation to University Advancement on Mission and Values: November 14, 2018
Representative on USD Magazine Advisory Board
Fundraising to support the Search Retreat and Hillel San Diego

GRADUATE AND LAW STUDENT MINISTRY

Theology on Tap

September 27, 2018: Community, facilitated by Fr. Gino Correa, OFM, University Chaplain, 18 students
October 25, 2018: Religious Liberty, facilitated by Professor Steven Smith from USD's School of Law, 22 students
February 21, 2019: Franciscanism – A New Perspective, facilitated by Dr. Margaret McCahill from the Franciscan School of Theology, 18 students
March 28, 2019: God – So What's in a Name, facilitated by Rabbi Gary Oren from Hillel, 19 students
77 total students

Graduate Student Life Thanksgiving Lunch: November 13, 2018
30 students

Service Events for Graduate and Law Students

September 15, 2018: 5 students

February 9, 2019: 1 student

April 6, 2019: 1 student participant

7 total student participants



Each Tijuana Day trip facilitated by our office includes time for intentional reflection and prayer about the day's activities. Here, group members share their thoughts at the beach alongside the U.S./Mexico border.

FACULTY/STAFF PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ

“Sacred Encounters: Beauty at the Heart of Catholic Higher Education”

November 8, 2018

51 participants

Dr. Satyan Devadoss

“Touching Mathematics, the Resurrection and the Art of Being Human”

April 10, 2019

53 participants

FACULTY/STAFF TWILIGHT RETREATS

Peter Bennett

“Living Wisdom from St. Ignatius and Brother Lawrence”

November 29, 2018

12 participants

Dr. Mike Kelly and Dr. Rico Monge

“The Examined Life”

March 21, 2019

25 participants

GRATEFULNESS GROUP

Fall 2018 (October 3 – December 12)

38 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 2018-2019 approximately 124 employees participated.

NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

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

January 23, 2019: 70 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.

May 17, 2018 – 30 participants

May 21, 2019 – 33 participants

26TH ANNUAL ALL FAITH SERVICE

“Hospitality: An Invitation to Healing and Wholeness”

Shiley Theatre

January, 31, 2019
300 faculty, staff and student participants

DESIGNING YOUR LIFE WORKSHOP FOR FACULTY

May 3, 2019
22 participants

MISSION INTEGRATION INSTITUTE

June 10 – 14, 2019
25 participants
5 faculty

CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

June 17 – 18, 2019
22 participants
8 faculty



The seventh annual Mission Integration Institute brought together 25 participants from Catholic colleges and universities around the country, as well as from Australia, for an extensive learning experience about the purpose, challenge and opportunity of Catholic higher education.

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

Diocese Day of Recollection for Teachers of the Diocese of San Diego

August 14, 2018

360 participants

Celebrating Your Love: Marriage Preparation

August 18, 2018

125 participants

Bicentennial Celebration of St. Philippine Duchesne, RSCJ

October 2, 2018

92 participants

Our Families, Our Future Conference

October 19, 2018

350 participants

Youth Ministers Day of Recollection

December 11, 2018

16 participants



On November 27, 2018, 350 people attended the second annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, kicking off the holiday season with a simple but meaningful prayer focused on the theme of “Light Overcoming Darkness.”

APPENDIX A

Blessing of the Toreros

Blessing of the Toreros
September 3, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Founders Chapel

Good and gracious God,
giver of all good gifts,
we thank you for the many gifts which you have bestowed on these student athletes,
especially their academic and athletic abilities.

With great gratitude for these many gifts,
we ask that you continue to bless them abundantly.

Bless them, we pray, with inspiration, the desire to make the most of this year, this new season;
help them to perform to the best of their abilities,
excelling in the classroom, in the community and on the playing field.

Bless them with enthusiasm;
help them to embrace the hard work required for success
and to persevere through difficult moments.

Bless them with comradery;
help them to be outstanding teammates,
lifting one another up and inspiring each other to do their very best, to be their very best.

Bless them with resilience;
help them overcome defeats and disappointments with hope.

Bless them with good sportsmanship;
help them celebrate victories and triumphs with humility.

Bless them with good health;
help them, and whom they compete against, to avoid injury,
and to recover quickly from any setbacks they encounter.

Bless them with integrity;
help them represent our university with dignity and honor,
bringing credit to themselves, their families, their teams and USD.

Bless them with gratitude;
help them to study, prepare, compete, and live mindfully,
appreciating the privilege it is to pursue a college degree and to play their sport.

Finally, we ask a special blessing the team captains;
help them to inspire, support and challenge their teammates,
modeling the values of our university and athletic department.

Strong and faithful God,
help these student athletes to be strong and faithful,
to experience joy through athletics,
thereby giving glory to you, their creator.

We ask all of this in your holy name. Amen.

APPENDIX B

Assorted Photographs



On September 2, 2018, almost 3,000 people attended the Mass of Welcome, a highlight of New Student Orientation. The Mass concludes with a special blessing of the new students by their family members.



On the last Sunday of each semester, the Founders Chapel community celebrates a special candlelight Mass. This wonderful USD tradition allows us to give thanks for the blessings of the semester and to experience a vivid sense of Christ's presence during the stress of finals.



Held each August, the Pre-Orientation retreat connects first year students to the University Ministry community before the start of classes. It is structured around the theme of “Belong, Believe and Become!”



The Search Retreat is a offered once each semester, inviting close to 200 students into a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Christian Community. It is both one of our longest established traditions and most popular programs.



In February, we collaborated with the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture and the Humanities Center to host Dr. Kelly James Clark, the author of a book on interfaith efforts for peace titled *Strangers, Neighbors, Friends*.



During the East LA Immersion trip, USD students had the opportunity to meet and speak with Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries and author of *Tattoos on the Heart* and



On May 5, 2019, Bishop John P. Dolan joined us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the year, 17 students received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation.



The October Spirituality is Served dinner marked the canonization of Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI, engaging students on the theme of "Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for Our