



BREAKING NEWS! A SAFE AND DIGNIFIED RETIREMENT FOR SJS SISTERS



Dear SJS Friend,

May this glorious season be an opportunity for each one of us to open our hearts to new possibilities as we celebrate the gift of each other and thank our Lord for all blessings received!

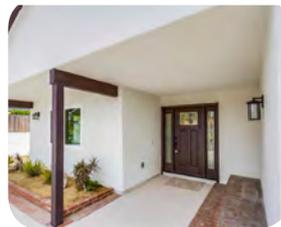
We share with you the highlights of the last few months in the life of our Province. As a fruit of 115 years of service, we invite you to join us asking the Lord of the harvest to give us more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Thank you for making a difference in our lives!

Sister Lilia M. Barba, SJS
Provincial Superior



Our hearts rejoice in the Lord, for He blesses us greatly!

Thanks to your kindness and the hard work of the SJS for many years, we recently acquired a property in Bonita, California, that will offer the best care possible to our sisters who are no longer in active ministry. Our goal is to provide a safe and dignified retirement to those sisters who have dedicated their lives wholeheartedly to the service of others. We invite you to partner with us through prayer and generosity as we journey through the process of adapting and equipping this wonderful place for our sisters. May the Lord bless the work of our hands!





The III Provincial Chapter determined that the priority of our Province during this term would be the promotion of religious vocations; thus, our Vocation Promotion Ministry Team was created. By the witness of their religious life in the communities where we serve, the Sisters in this team seek to invite young men and women to follow the Lord. Their projects include participation in activities for undergraduate and graduate students, parish youth groups and Catholic schools, where they minister through presence, prayer, conferences, panels, and guidance.

The team, comprised of Sisters Aurora Lopez, Katia Chavez, Eva Lucia Rodriguez, Luz Maria Jimenez, Irma Leticia Campos, Celina Davalos and Bellanira Meda, has also planned vocation awareness retreats throughout the 2019-2020 school year to help youth discern God's will in their lives. For more information, please contact Sister Katia Chavez by calling (619) 292-2971



Prayer For My Vocation by USCCB

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you.

Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen



SJS Celebration of Gratitude for 115 years of Love and Service

2019 marks the 115th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. As an expression of love and gratitude for this gift, the sisters of the Province of the Immaculate Conception gathered at Corpus Christi Catholic parish, to thank God for the gift of their life and vocation, in a Eucharistic celebration presided by the Most Reverend Bishop John Dolan.

In the homily, the Very Reverend Efrain Bautista, Pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic parish, commended the Sisters for answering God's call and for dedicating their lives in service to their communities. During the presentation of gifts, the sisters offered a vigil light as a symbol of their love for Jesus and their consecration to Him, remembering Father Silviano's words of gratitude for the gift of vocation: "I want the Sister Servants to always be like lamps burning in the divine presence. This I ask to the Blessed Sacrament."



SJS 115th Anniversary Matching Challenge

On October 2019, in honor of the 115th Anniversary of their founding, the sisters launched a matching challenge to benefit students and families who, without tuition assistance, would not be able to attend SJS Schools.



Your contribution is an investment that makes a difference in their mission and ministry, as together we are changing the lives of those we serve. Through your generosity we raised \$23,966.00! Our gratitude to all those who participated! God loves a cheerful giver!



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Your gift supports our mission to Love and Serve, TOGETHER WE ARE SERVANTS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our Sisters devote their lives to preparing children for success spiritually, academically and socially through Catholic education. By supporting just one Sister, your gift will multiply the impact of her love and service to over 2300 students in our Catholic schools each year.

Ways to Help:



The **AmazonSmile Foundation** provides .5% of donations from most Amazon retailers to a nonprofit such as the Sisters. Google "Amazon Smile" and register the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament or call us to guide you through the process.

Bequests: You can name the Sisters for a specific amount or a percentage of your estate.

Life Insurance Policies: You can designate the Sisters as the beneficiary.

Appreciated Stocks: If held more than one year, you can donate stocks to the Sisters and receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full market value and pay no capital gains tax.

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA): You can support the Sisters while avoiding multiple estate and income taxes. Charitable rollover is now permanently allowed by law. You can make a direct gift without having to recognize the income.

Charitable Gift Annuities: Make a gift, receive income for life, and experience tax benefits. The remainder, upon death, can benefit the Sisters.

Vehicle Donation: Donate a car, boat or other vehicle and receive a tax deduction! One call takes care of everything, even pick-up: (877) 537-5277.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

O most Holy Virgin, Immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I Implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother of Jesus and my Mother, receive my prayers and present them to God.

I implore you Virgin Mother, please intercede for the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament so they may grow in their vocation and continue to love and serve our communities for many years to come.

O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Fr. Silvano, intercede for us.



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