



Dear SJS Friend,

As part of our SJS family we welcome you to join us on an exciting journey to many new beginnings! Come and see how SJS are working toward self-sustainability, protecting our planet for future generations, deepening our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and how your love and support is advancing our mission. We thank God for the blessing of the many wonderful friends we have in you! Please continue to pray for more holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in our congregation. You are in our prayers daily.

In Christ,  
*Sister Lilia M. Barba, SJS*  
Provincial Superior



### The Sisters are GOING GREEN!

As stewards to God's gifts, caring for all forms of creation is important to SJS. Environmental sustainability helps us to save our natural resources. As part of his Eagle Scout project, Liam Brewster constructed a large vegetable garden and compost area at the House of Formation so the Sisters could be more self-sustaining!

To combat the high costs of electricity and reduce our carbon foot print, new solar panels are planned for both the Bonita convent and business offices.

We are also introducing our Newsletter electronically to save on paper!

Please help protect our environment, sign up for our on-line Newsletter today at [usasjs.org](http://usasjs.org).



**Jesus and Java**  
BLESSED BE GOD!

JOIN US FOR ADORATION, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 10:00-11:00 A.M. AT OUR CONVENT CHAPEL.

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### JESUS AWAITS US IN THIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE

By vocation, the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament consecrate ourselves to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We want to increase the love for Jesus in this Blessed Sacrament by opening our convent doors to you, our dear friends, joining together in a celebration of love. Beginning in September, the SJS Sisters will be opening their Bonita convent chapel to share Jesus with you! Please come join us for Eucharistic adoration, followed by fellowship and coffee.

For more information, please go to our website at [usasjs.org](http://usasjs.org) or call us at 619-292-2971



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE, BIG AND SMALL, AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THEM ALL.

### *Carol and Ed Wagner*

met Sister Aurora Gonzalez in 1998 while helping her with confirmation classes for their two children. They soon became good friends and asked Sister to tutor them in Spanish. They maintained monthly contact with Sister even when she was moved to the Infirmary in Guadalajara. As she did every year, Carol called Sister Aurora to wish her well on her anniversary of professing her vows. They both received a very special blessing that day when Carol recited the prayers Sister Aurora taught her entirely in Spanish. "I could feel how proud she was of me, and she praised me for my perfect Spanish accent." Sadly, Sister Aurora passed away just days later.

The Wagner's continue to be God's representative on earth through their many years of love and generous support for our SJS Sisters and by visiting their local hospital to provide the



Eucharist to patients. "Every time I'm in the hospital reciting prayers in Spanish with patients I feel Sister Aurora's presence and love, that I will be forever grateful for."



### *Alma Kincaid*

is an Alumni of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy in Calexico and a big supporter of Catholic education. "Not only do you receive a well-rounded education, you also learn respect for one another, the importance of reaching out to those in need and how to be a good Catholic and a good citizen." Alma is a dedicated monthly donor to the Sisters and on a regular basis she also brings supplies for distribution to the schools where our Sisters minister/serve.

### *Son Dinh Nguyen (Sonny)*

was in a bad car accident ten years ago and totaled her car. To thank God she survived she began going to church every day where she met our Sisters. Later she found out they were neighbors! "Every day I see the Sisters at church, they always give me a smile, a hug and make my day. I think everyone's day should always start out with knowing they are loved by God and kind people. I feel a connection with all the Sisters as they have sacrificed themselves to God. Whenever they need help I happily do what I can, we're all in this spiritual journey together. They have worked and done so much for God. I hope more members of the Catholic community can find ways to contribute." In her childhood Sonny dreamed of being a Nun, but never felt God called her. It looks like God has called her in



another way, her love and support has made a big difference in the lives of our blessed Sisters and the communities they serve.

**Please share your story of blessings and support with us at [usasjs.org](http://usasjs.org)!**

GENEROUSLY  
**GIVE**  
OF YOURSELF  
AND YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF  
**BLESSED**



**YOUR DONATIONS MAKE  
THINGS HAPPEN**

*You make the impossible  
possible!*

Thank you from our Sisters in most need,  
you continue to make them your priority!

## SOAR PROVIDES BEDS FOR SISTERS BERTHA MEZA AND MARGARITA GALLARDO-RODRIGUEZ!



It was obvious new beds were in order when we found one of the Sisters stacking things under her already unstable mattress just to get a good night's rest and another sister unable to get in and out of bed because of severe arthritis.

When SOAR, Supporting Our Aging Religious, approved our grant proposal for two new adjustable high-low beds the Sisters were ecstatic! We are very grateful for SOAR, they are an amazing organization that provides help for so many Sisters who find themselves in these similar, difficult situations. Thank you for your generosity and allowing our aging Sisters to maintain their dignity, independence and quality of life.



*"The best sleep I have had in years, I don't even need to use my pillow!", Sister Bertha*

## YOUR GIFTS HELP US GROW!



God has given you many blessings throughout your life and you graciously choose to share those gifts with our Sisters. We are honored and grateful for your continual generosity and love.

Construction on a new Chapel for our House of Formation in Bonita began in July, just in time to finish up before our new "residents" arrive. Three SJS Sisters will be moving into our new House of Formation later this Fall, the new Chapel is where our new Sisters will spend many hours in prayer discerning God's call and in thanksgiving for your love and support.

**Be a part of our journey!**

**To donate to our Chapel Project:  
Visit our website [usasjs.org](http://usasjs.org) or  
call us at 619-292-2971**

## OUR FOUNDER'S CORNER Bishop Silviano Carrillo Cardenas

At a very early age Silviano went with his Mother to church where they knelt before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There his Mother prayed aloud, "Dearest Mother, here is my oldest Son, Silviano. He is yours, all yours. I strongly desire to consecrate him to the Lord through you, so that, if it be God's will, he may become a Priest. Most Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Health, give him your blessing."

When he was 10 years old he entered the seminary. He continued to study until he was ordained a Priest on December 26, 1884



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

**Become a Formation Sponsor:** The largest portion of Formation expenses are for college education, religious preparation, and health benefits. Your donation will ensure the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament are ready to continue their mission to Love and Serve!

**Help an Elderly or Infirm Sister:** Financially adopt an elderly and/or sick Sister in retirement. You can assist in easing the challenge of high medical costs.

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.

**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.

#### Stocks/IRA/Bequests

- **Appreciated Stocks:** If held more than a 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. Transfer to us can be done easily electronically. Call us for instructions.
- **IRA:** The IRA charitable rollover is now permanently allowed by law! If you are 70 ½ or older you can make a direct gift of up to \$100,000 to the Sisters without having to recognize the income. Contact your tax professional to learn more.
- **Bequests:** You can name the sisters for a specific amount or a percentage of your estate. Be sure to use our legal name, Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Inc. [Tax ID 33-0329611]

### 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 bless the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament and all those who share with them their time, talents and treasures, bringing God's smile into the world.

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

Fr. Silvano, intercede for us.



### We thank God for our Community Partners



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For more information contact Vicki Whitmire, Development Director at 619-292-2971

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