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A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS SERVING THE UCLA COMMUNITY SINCE 1919



Reflecting on the past few months, I can recall three themes that came up most often in our UCC student community: their great love for the Church and the UCC, their generosity of hearts in caring for those in need and their great desire to be missionaries for Christ, and following the mission Jesus gave when He said, “Go and make disciples of every nation...” (Matt. 28:19). The caring and authenticity that I have seen at the UCC fills me with true hope and optimism for our future.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted our ministry and greatly reduced our weekly collections needed to fiscally sustain our mission. Thus, we rely greatly on the thoughtful contributions of parents, alumni and friends of the UCC. Please donate to the UCC by returning the enclosed envelope, or by using our online platform, WeShare (<http://uccla.churchgiving.com>). Also, please visit our website at www.uccla.org. Your generous support continues the UCC legacy of ministering to the students at UCLA.

Let us continue to work together through prayer and precaution to help ensure that our UCC community and church will be vibrant for future generations. I gratefully acknowledge each contribution and know that you are in my prayers. Thank you in advance and God bless you.

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UCC WINTER QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Ash Wednesday



Student Leadership Team



Student Dinner



University of California Catholic Conference



Prof. Edward Feser: "What is Matter?"



"Share a Meal" Event



Knights of Columbus



"The UCC was a major component of my college experience. For a long time, I prayed for friendships cemented in the Catholic faith because I longed to be understood and supported in the secular world. The UCC granted me these life-long friendships, as well as countless opportunities to grow stronger in my faith, and feel comfortable in sharing my Catholic identity. Although this graduation year isn't what we expected, we've made beautiful memories that we'll hold close to our hearts for the rest of our lives." - Alexia Vanegas, '20

OUR NEW CAMPUS MINISTER

SR. BEATRIZ GUZMAN, ODN

My name is Sister Beatriz Guzman, ODN, a native of Mexico. I am a religious sister of the Order of the Company of Mary Our Lady. Our mission is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in all we do. At the beginning of my religious life, when I completed a degree in education, I had the opportunity to serve in our schools, teaching junior high students and doing pastoral ministry in a parish. It was a dream come true, to be able to accompany others and share God's love.



God never stops calling to expand our horizons. I was sent to be a part of the community of the sisters in the Philippines where I spent several years doing campus ministry in Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao. I discovered my love to journey with young adults searching for a greater meaning in life. I thanked God for this opportunity in my life. I went back to Mexico City to continue my studies in theology. Our religious order believes in on-going education to be able to serve in a new way, always responding to the present reality. Our formation is not only academic studies but also an invitation to grow in our relationship with the Lord.

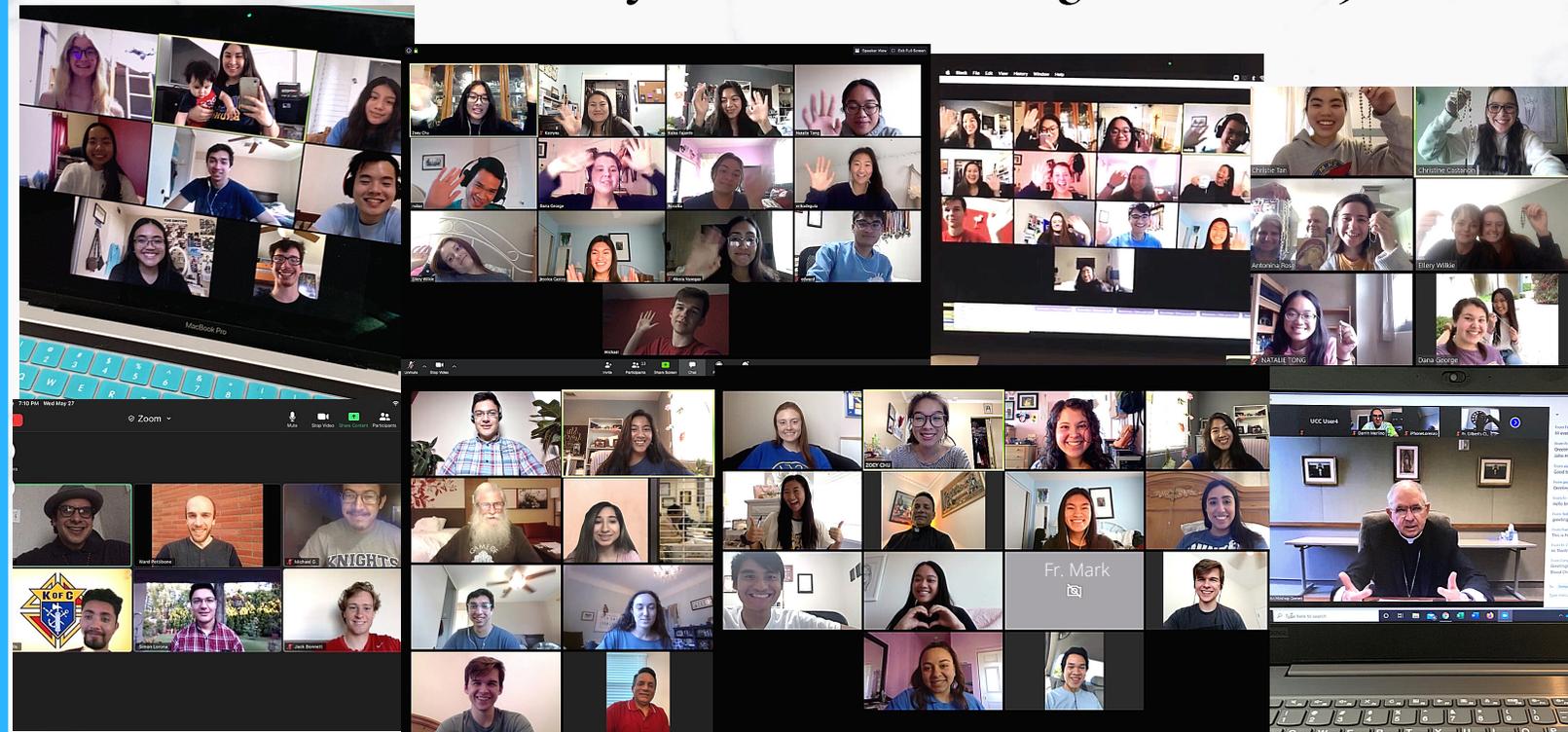
I was sent to the United States to continue my studies and to accompany young women in a university residence here in Los Angeles. During the last 5 years, I have been the Director of St. Joseph Residence, where I had the opportunity to accompany 34 international students. As it happens, God never stops calling us to new ministries, and today I am grateful for the call to be part of this journey with you at the UCC at UCLA. Please pray for me that I will be able to serve and accompany you to the best of my abilities.



Farewell, Julieta

We thank Julieta Contreras for her tenure as Campus Minister at the UCC. She got married in December 2019 and moved to Ireland with her husband for an exciting new stage of life. She was advisor to the Community Life and Social Justice Committees and taught RCIA and Confirmation classes. We appreciate the guidance, encouragement, and prayer Julieta provided our faith community. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

How our ministry continues during COVID-19



HOLY WEEK, EASTER, AND PENTECOST DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Palm Sunday



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



During this time of the COVID-19 health crisis, the Lord is with us and always inviting us to journey together in faith. This year, our Triduum, Easter, and Pentecost celebrations were prayerfully celebrated in absence of the UCC community. Having this solitary, not communal, experience was heartfelt, and I pray for the day when we can celebrate mass together again. Nonetheless, I continue to urge you to be confident that the Lord is guiding our journey in the desert, just as the people of Israel were led through their exodus to a land of new hope. As we journey in the desert, we must live our faith with reason, prudence, and compassion.

We are still a Living Church with Living Faith. Please join me in praying for all the sick and those facing economic distress because of this pandemic. I extend my deep thanks to healthcare providers, first responders, and all essential workers, who risk their health to serve us. Together, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will act courageously in advancing the common good for all during these difficult days.



Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday



Pentecost

BACCALAUREATE MASS HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Class of 2020: we congratulate you on the many things you have accomplished even after the COVID-19 pandemic changed your collegiate experience.

You have learned many things during your time at UCLA. Among them, you have learned how to travel. You traveled from your home to this campus to begin your studies. Travel opens new perspectives, affords new experiences. On a journey, we begin by simply changing our geographical position, but it can end up changing our soul.

In a reading for this mass from John (Jn 14:1-12), Jesus says he is going to travel ahead of the disciples to prepare a place for them. Thomas tells Jesus that they do not know the way, nor even where he is going. Jesus says he is "the way, and the truth and the life." There is an ancient Christian spiritual practice of making a pilgrimage. In a way, a pilgrimage is the Christian life in miniature. You are on a journey through life. As you walk, you have a spiritual purpose, and you grow in friendship and community with others. You encounter — sometimes in surprising ways — Jesus along your travels. That encounter gives purpose and guidance to your traveling.

UCC graduates, your time here at UCLA has been a journey itself, which was completed at a virtual Commencement. You should look back on this journey with gratitude and pride. And, as you look back, I hope you found and formed a community, forged nourishing friendships, and recognized Jesus in your midst.

In scripture, Jesus replies: "Walk along the road of your life and attend to your fellow travelers. Then you will find me, the risen Lord. When you recognize me, let that recognition change your life."

I hope you have encountered Jesus, our Lord, during your time at UCLA and at the UCC. As you go forward, I hope that your journey, perhaps with new companions, may always be guided by a sense of moral and spiritual purpose, with a sense of solidarity with those with whom you walk — and with discerning eyes to find the Lord of Life and Hope.

Graduates, we are grateful that you have journeyed with us during your time at UCLA. Parents, we are grateful to you for entrusting us on this journey with your graduate. Know that you will always be in our prayers, and no matter where your journey takes you next, you will always have a home at the UCC. You know the way. God bless you! (You can watch the Baccalaureate mass on the UCC's Facebook page.)



2020 GRADUATES

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Sharee Bantad Anzaldo
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Bridget Bartenetti
Monique Beals
Kevin Beedle
Alexandre Binet
Eljie Bragasin
Bailey Brann
Jacob Butchko
Cesar Cacho
Jasmine Cardenas
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Esperanza Ceja

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Brianna Tanusi
Ashley Thomas
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Liliana Toribio
Michelle Tran
Isabella Uzcategui
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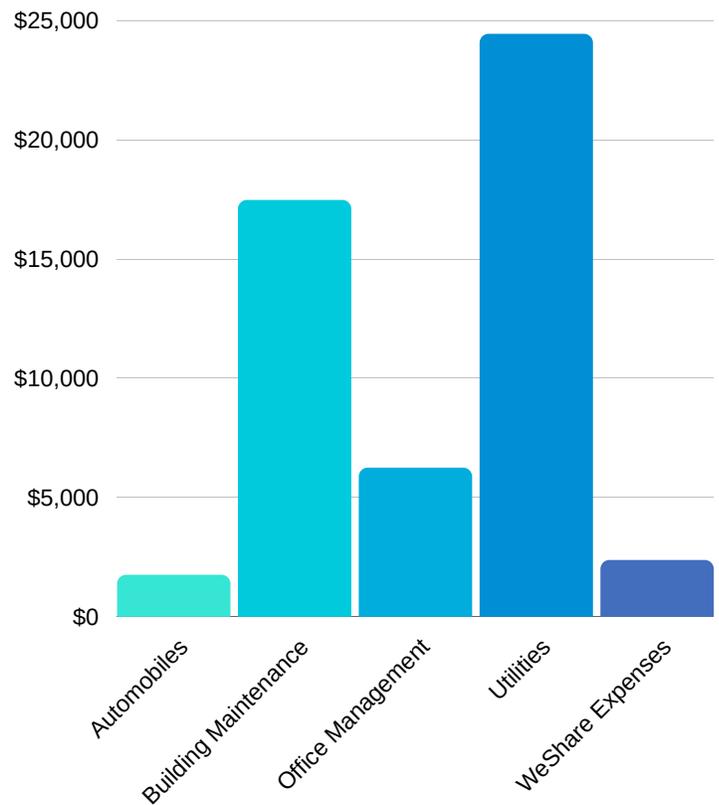
2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR REPORT

We are grateful to our many donors and community members that enable the UCC to minister to the students at UCLA even through this COVID-19 pandemic. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thus, we continue to be fiscally responsible and are blessed that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles supports our Campus ministers' salaries. Grants also assist us in achieving our Development goals. Sunday collections and your donations cover the rest of our operating expenses.

We are always looking for ways to be good stewards with our finances and also looking for ways to improve our ministries for the student community at UCLA.

Thank you again to all our donors and community supporters who partner with the UCC to make it a spiritual home for so many students.

Administrative Expenses



Student Programming Expenses



HOW TO GIVE

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Graduating, getting married, or moving away? Let us know if there are any big changes in your life so we can stay in touch!

To see more of our events and photos, please visit our website, our Facebook page, or our Instagram.

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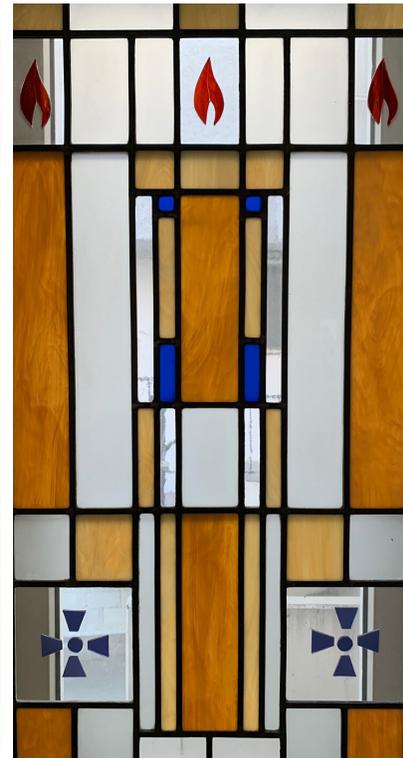
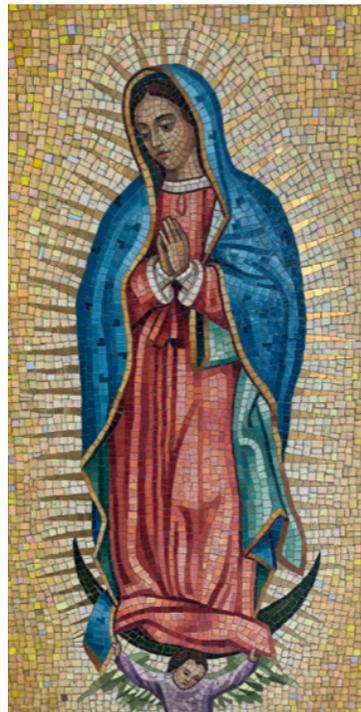
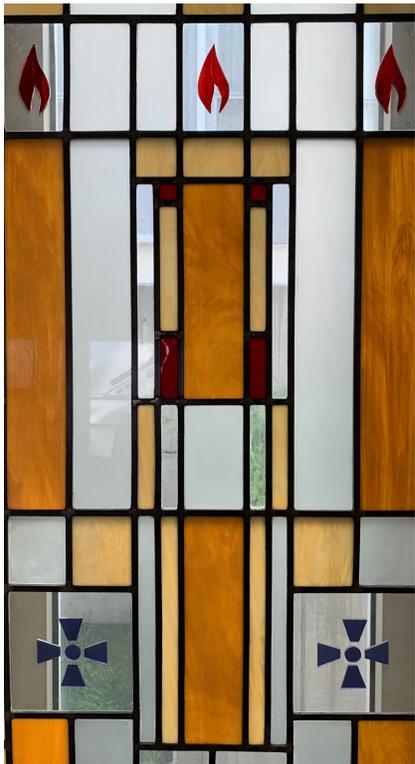
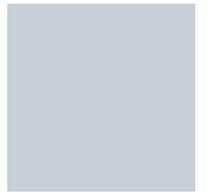


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"For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6