



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Winter 2014

Impact Culture *for* Christ

Christmas Greetings to our Friends and Benefactors

The Lord has richly blessed us at John Paul the Great Catholic University during 2014.

We began our 9th academic year this Fall with 80 new undergraduate and 50 new graduate students. Our new students are an amazing blessing—they are very smart, courageous in their pursuit of creativity and innovation, excited at the prospect of becoming the “hands of the Lord” and committed to contemporary media and business to impact culture for Christ.

In early September, we awarded 28 Undergraduate Bachelor of Science degrees in Communications Media and Business; 22 MBA degrees in Film Producing; and 7 MA degrees in Biblical Theology.

On October 22nd—the feast day of Pope Saint John Paul the Great—we began our most critical and final accreditation review visit prior to hopefully achieving our initial accreditation in March 2015. The visit went very well—thank God. We are very optimistic the WASC Commission will approve our application for initial accreditation, bringing to completion an intense nine-year process.

We continue to be truly blessed by the extraordinary generosity of our friends and benefactors like you. Last year alone, benefactors enabled JPCatholic to provide almost \$2 million in financial aid to our students, with more than 85 percent of our students receiving some form of assistance.

Our campus infrastructure continues to expand—we plan to start construction on our new Student Life Center soon. In August, we received a very generous gift of \$80,000 towards this project. which leaves \$255,000 to be raised before we can start construction—hopefully in early 2015.

I wish you and your family a truly holy Christmas and blessed 2015.

Derry Connolly

Derry Connolly, PhD
President,
John Paul the Great Catholic University

My deep conviction is that a Catholic University is without any doubt one of the best instruments that the Church offers to our age which is searching for certainty and wisdom.

– St. John Paul the Great
Ex Corde Ecclesiae, 1990



Building a New Student Life Center: Our Campus Living Room

The next expansion of our Escondido campus is our new Student Center—our campus “living room.” It will be a comfortable gathering place for students to meet, relax, study, and socialize. The building is the campus’s architectural showpiece (pictured below) and it bridges our academic building with the Maple Pedestrian Plaza and the California Center for the Performing Arts.

The Center will be a focal point of student life—housing everyday student activities and services. Center activities will compliment our academic programs and enhance the overall educational experience of our students through the development of, exposure to, and participation in the University’s spiritual, social, intellectual, and governance programs. The Center will serve commuter students and foster interaction between them and residential students, as well as faculty/staff interactions. The Center will foster student leadership by providing student organizations with space to meet. In addition to multiple indoor seating areas, the Center will include two shaded outdoor patios with outdoor seating.

We still need to raise \$255,000 of the \$435,000 we require to exercise our option to purchase the building and build-out of space.





Scholarships for Students

Over 90% of our undergraduate students receive institutional financial aid. Scholarships support our most promising students and are critical in bridging the gap between the student's expenses and other financial aid. Scholarships are often the deciding factor on whether a student will attend JPCatholic.

We continue to be truly blessed by the extraordinary generosity of our friends and benefactors like you. **Last year alone, benefactors enabled JPCatholic to provide almost \$2 million in financial aid to our students.** All students on scholarship must maintain a GPA of 3.0, which means they are smart, diligent and especially deserving of your support. You can transform a talented student's life by making a scholarship gift of any size. Our students benefit greatly now and will be grateful for life for your support.

Your help ensures that the best and brightest students continue to come to JPCatholic and become future creators and innovators; leaders and entrepreneurs.



Extraordinary Generosity

Make a decision to help today! Growing and sustaining the University requires an extraordinary trust in God, action and generosity. Your support is critical to continue JPCatholic's efforts to inspire creative and innovative, entrepreneurial thought in Entertainment Media and Business infused with Catholic principles.

We ask for your support for:

- **Scholarships** for gifted students with a great need
- **Campus** expansion to build our Student Life Center

Connect your legacy now to the University.



Building Loan Down Payment

Construction Cost

Goal: \$275,000

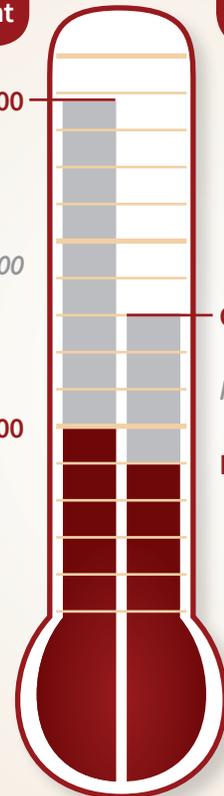
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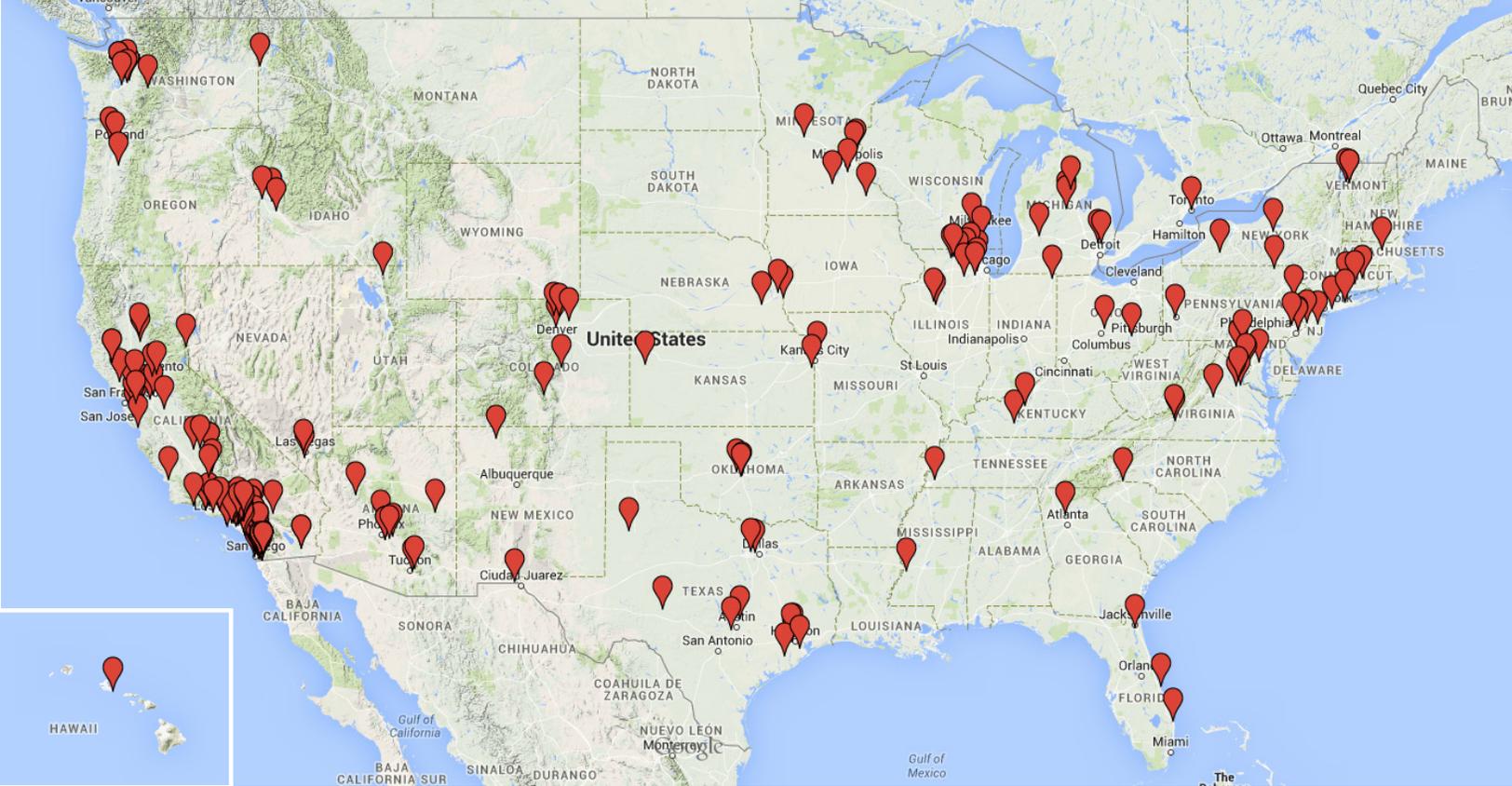
Raised: \$100,000

Goal: \$160,000

Need: \$80,000

Raised: \$80,000





Current JPCatholic Students' Hometowns

Current students and alumni represent 46 states. 50% are from California.



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