



Why We Serve

CSJ Educational Network Advisory Board

Beginning in the March edition of the **NetworkNews**, a monthly article will highlight a member of the Network Advisory Board. Board members “serve the dear neighbor,” a fundamental part of the mission of the Network. Elijah Bonde, principal of Nativity Prep Academy in San Diego explains why he serves on the Board.

“Joining the CSJ Educational Network has been a blessing to both my school community and my personal faith formation. As a school, we joined the Network only a few years ago. We needed a way to engage our faculty and staff in discussions of our Catholic identity. This addition to our community and the embracing of Unity and Reconciliation have been wonderful. Personally, I have been humbled to be the spiritual leader of our community as we dive into this important work and to be asked to join the Advisory Board.”



Parish Volunteer Project

St. Didacus Parish School, San Diego

From January 31 to February 6, 2021, Catholic Schools Week activities were witnessed in Catholic schools around the country.

St. Didacus Parish School celebrated Community Appreciation Day on February 3. This year, since students were not allowed to physically visit people and businesses in the neighborhood, the student council organized a parish volunteer project in which all students decorated wooden crosses. The crosses will be distributed to more than 80 parish volunteers in recognition of their service to the church. Remaining crosses will be given to elderly parishioners in hope of creating a stronger connection with the St. Didacus Parish community at large!

Looking Back and Looking Forward

Holy Family Catholic School, Orange

In February 2021, Holy Family Cathedral School formally announced a change back to their original name, Holy Family Catholic School. This name change comes in response to the similar name change for the parish due to the dedication of Christ Cathedral in 2019.

With excitement building up for the new logo reveal, families were given clues and hints in anticipation. On the day of the announcement, parents were given a car decal with the new logo.

At the unveiling of the logo, Pastor Patrick Moses announced, “What’s old has become new again.” Principal Marie Ubl responded, “It’s a great day to be a Spartan.”





Pandemic Learning

St. Finn Barr Catholic School, San Francisco

Every student at St. Finn Barr Catholic School receives the same top-notch education, care, and compassion from teachers and staff daily. Currently, SFB is serving 233 students both remotely and in person. The community is taking measures seriously and continues to act out of an abundance of caution when planning out the curriculum.

Lenten All-School Mass

St. Anne Parish School, Santa Ana

Saint Anne School began the season of Lent with an all-school Mass. In order to accommodate social distance guidelines, Mass was held in the parking lot of the school to allow ample space for each student. Pastor Antonio and Deacon Salvador led the school Mass. This season of Lent theme is to **Walk with Jesus in Love**.



Walkathon

St. Rita School, San Diego

On February 12, St. Rita students participated in the Share the Love Walkathon. Students worked hard using online platforms to obtain sponsors for fundraising. The money raised during the event was put toward tuition assistance for families in need. The school community united in faith and love to help each other, which was perfectly timed for Valentine's Day.

Help a Network School in Need

The CSJ Educational Network is grateful for your faithfulness and partnership in supporting the Sisters' continuing commitment to Catholic education. Financial gifts made through our website will go directly to teacher faith formation, Catholic school leadership training programs, and membership fees. Visit our donation page at the "Support Us" section of our website [here](#). To visit the homepage, click on the logo.

