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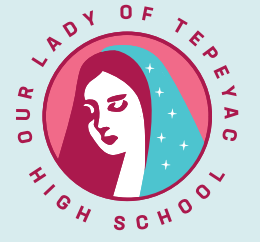
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# TEPEYAC TIMES

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## Faith in Action

This semester, Tepeyac students lived out our mission of faith in action through meaningful service that shaped both hearts and minds. In October, students participated in Urban Plunge on Chicago's South Side, serving at a food pantry, preparing a transitional housing unit, spending time with women at Tabitha House, and distributing blessing bags at a tent community. Through these encounters, our young women built relationships, reflected on their faith, and returned with a renewed commitment to serving others.

Service also took center stage on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, during Tepeyac's 3rd Annual Day of Giving. After beginning the day with Mass, students, faculty, and staff served across the city—supporting food pantries and Love Fridges, preparing holiday festivities, caring for our Mother of the Americas Church, packing food boxes, making rosaries, and partnering with community organizations such as Latinos Progresando.

For our all-girls community, service is central to who we are. Guided by Our Lady of Guadalupe and supported by our donors and alumnae, Tepeyac students are young women of faith who lead with compassion and are truly of service to the world.



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For her unwavering support of our young women and commitment to the Tepeyac mission.

Dr. Citlaly Gonzalez  
!Cremos! Award Honoree



## !Cremos! We Believe

OUR LADY OF TEPEYAC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

31st Annual Benefit for Scholarships

Friday, April 24, 2026 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Chicago Union Station  
225 S. Canal St., Chicago, IL 60606



# Generations of Sisterhood



## Our recent alumna gatherings were a beautiful reminder of the enduring sisterhood that defines Tepeyac.

From the joyful St. Casimir reunion in October—where stories, laughter, and a powerful bond filled the room—to our relaxed Tepeyac Alumna Bar Meet Up in December, it was clear that when Tepeyac women come together, something special happens. Our current students were especially inspired by meeting St. Casimir alumni and witnessing a legacy that began in 1927 and continues to shape who we are today. As Jimena '29 so movingly shared, “though our name has changed, the unity, confidence, and strength of St. Casimir lives on in every Tepeyac girl.” These gatherings were a true celebration of shared history and lasting impact, and we look forward to staying connected—especially as we prepare to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

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## Invest In A Tepeyac Girl

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported our young women through the Annual Appeal. Each year, 80% of our general operating budget is made possible through the kindness of individuals like you.



Help us continue to make an impact. Give the gift of a Tepeyac education today.  
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## HEART IN THE CLASSROOM: Heart in the Clinic



By Ariana Perez '26

Senior Ariana Perez is driven by a deep commitment to caring for others. Below, she shares how her work as a Certified Nursing Assistant allows her to put that passion into action.

As a Certified Nursing Assistant, I provide basic care in hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities. I bathe, feed, dress, and help patients move safely, take vital signs, and report any changes in patients' health to nurses.

My experiences at Tepeyac have prepared me well for this work. Group projects taught me teamwork and clear communication, while leadership roles in sports and activities helped me stay calm under pressure, solve problems quickly, and demonstrate patience and empathy.

Being a CNA has shown me how meaningful it is to care for people in their moments of need and is shaping the healthcare professional I hope to become.



## Opening Doors to Discovery

As part of our academic growth, Our Lady of Tepeyac has expanded course offerings to include Creative Writing, STEM, Music Theory, and additional Art classes. Below is a showcase of work from our Freshwomen and Sophomores. We are deeply grateful to faculty members Ms. Mary Rossi and Ms. Julia Bukovatz '17 for sharing their gifts and guiding our young women as they discover and develop their own.



Top Row: Lucia M. '29 (left), Lizbeth M. '29, Evangelina P. '29, Cristina J. '29, Yoiskary R. '29 (middle), Marianna S. '29 (right),  
 Bottom Row: Guadalupe T. '29 (left), Yoiskary M. '29, Lizbeth M. '29, Cristina J. '29, Arianna D. '29 (middle), Joselyn G. '29 (right)

## The Power of an All-Girls Education

At Our Lady of Tepeyac High School, our 98-year tradition of empowering young women is strengthened by our partnership with the eight all-girls schools in Chicagoland—all part of the International Coalition of Girls Schools.

Research shows that all-girls environments build confidence, expand leadership, and increase engagement in fields like math and science.

Together, we are launching a collaborative marketing and fundraising effort to elevate the visibility and value of an all-girls education.

Keep an eye out for our shared campaign celebrating the power of educating girls!