



Dear Marian/Mater Dei Alumni, Donors and Friends,

Once a Crusader, always a Crusader! Thank you for being a part of the first 60 years of the Crusader Legacy and supporting our mission and the individual students who are out in the world making a difference and igniting their communities with "hope."

For 60-Years, Marian/Marian Catholic and Mater Dei Students have shared their educational experiences wherever they work, live and worship. We continue to build on that tradition of excellence established 60 years ago when Marian High School first opened its doors.

I'd like to thank our generous donors over the years and recognize Dr. Estelle Kassebaum for her vision and hard work to sustain Marian's commitment to academic excellence with the opening of Mater Dei Catholic High School's Chula Vista campus in 2007.

Today Mater Dei operates a TK-7<sup>th</sup> grade dual language school, which will include 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2021. This will make us the only TK-12<sup>th</sup> grade Diocesan Catholic school in San Diego county.

During these challenging times in the world, Mater Dei has worked tirelessly to make modifications to its campus, teaching modalities and protocols to keep students safe, engaged and thriving. With your support, we can continue to develop the hearts, minds and souls of our students, which is needed now more than ever.

Please consider making a pledge to our 60-Year Legacy campaign. All proceeds will go towards our Mater Dei Fund, which helps us to invest in our students, programs and technology to ensure the highest levels of education both on campus and through distance learning. **We are currently one of the only schools open for in-person learning in the South Bay.**

All donations raised during the month of December will directly impact every Mater Dei student. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 in commemoration of our Legacy.

Thank you and God Bless,

JOHN REY, CPA, CFP®, President  
Mater Dei Juan Diego Academy  
Mater Dei Catholic High School

**Join us in recognizing 60 years of service to leaders of the future. Give today!**

## 60 Years Timeline

### 1960

Marian High School was opened in September 1960 in two vacant classrooms at St. Charles while Marian was being built across the street. It was co-ed, but girls' and boys' classes were separated.



### 1974

The Reveler's Club under the guidance of Fr. Leo Lamphier conducts plays at Silver Wing Auditorium.

### 1980

The Girls Volleyball Team placed 2nd at the State Championships



### 1992

Marian's name is officially changed to Marian Catholic High School.



### 1995

Mrs. Estelle Kassebaum appointed principal at Marian Catholic.



## How to Donate:

- 1 **ONLINE:** at [www.crusadersgiving.org](http://www.crusadersgiving.org) click **DONATE** button
- 2 **BY MAIL:** Please enclose your check payable to MDCHS
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Please contact Alejandra Saavedra,  
Director of Advancement at [asaavedra@mdchs.net](mailto:asaavedra@mdchs.net)

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MARCO TORRES  
4<sup>th</sup> grader at MDJDA

*"I'm Marco and I'm a leukemia survivor. When I was going through my treatment, the Mater Dei community kindly lifted me up by letting me practice with the football team, sending me cards at the hospital, and praying for me everyday. The support carried me through and helped me to fight leukemia. I know what it takes to be a Crusader!"*

MARIA ROBERTS  
Marian Catholic High School Class of 1981

*"My Catholic education at Marian was extremely formative for me in all aspects of my life. The teachers at Marian encouraged us to use our God-given gifts, to always strive to do our best and to be Christ-centered. This propelled me and so many other students into adulthood with a strong sense of self, a desire for excellence and a yearning to serve our Lord. My four years at Marian were some of the best of my life, and I carry with me to this day many wonderful memories and friendships that began there. I am deeply grateful for my Catholic school experience and the legacy of Marian that is carried on and even exceeded by Mater Dei. Because of my extraordinary experience at Marian, my husband and I committed early in our marriage to not only send our children to Catholic schools, but to support Catholic education in every way possible."*



AALIYAH BALAGTAS  
MDCHS Valedictorian Class of 2020

*"I'm currently at UCLA studying Biochemistry. Thanks to the Academy of Science internship I had at USD, I found a love for biochemistry. Dr. Provost at USD changed my perception of this field and helped me to see how I could use my gifts in the world. I loved working in the lab researching cancer cells. My experience at Mater Dei was rich with opportunity and potential for growth! I am blessed to say that I was able to make my family proud as a first generation Filipino American. I wanted my parents to know the sacrifices they made were worth it!"*

Your gift to our 60-Year Legacy campaign will create opportunities for people like Marco, Maria and Aaliyah – who desire to be a light to the world. Be part of the 60-Year legacy and donate today at [CrusadersGiving.org](https://CrusadersGiving.org).

2007

Dedication and opening of Mater Dei Catholic High School



2008

Mater Dei unveils its flagship program the Academy of Science



2015

MDJDA Elementary School is established



2019

Lady Crusaders Softball and Golf Teams become CIF Open State Champions



2020



First ever drive-in graduation ceremony

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