

St. Joan Antida High School

A Newsletter for Alumnae, Parents and Friends

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Spiritual Journey to Assisi

Adolescence is a time of searching and getting to know oneself. For 22 SJA students that journey came in the form of a pilgrimage which took them to Assisi and Rome in Italy to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. Much more than a trip, it was a reflection on the lives of two people who struggled to find their way to love and serve God and the community. For our students,

to study the lives of the two saints who lived 800 years ago. They raised over \$20,000 through rummage sales, bake sales and car washes to make the trip a reality for themselves and their classmates.

A major highlight was a visit to the Motherhouse in Rome, the international headquarters of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joan Antida. The General Councilors and sisters from seven different countries welcomed the girls and shared with them the history of the founding sisters.

The pilgrimage is sponsored by the Franciscan Pilgrimage Program which offers young people opportunities to make

a spiritual journey that supports the faith values they are learning in their every day school life.

In the words of Shaleta Lathon, SJA senior, "It was overwhelming to see how nice they were to us without even knowing us. I knew they cared about us and wanted us to be great women."



Students meet with the Bishop of Assisi

it was an opportunity to reflect on their own lives and search ways to be a better person and deepen their faith in God.

For these students, the journey did not begin when they boarded the bus for the airport on December 27th. It began with the dream to experience something bigger than them and see a part of the larger world. In preparation for these ten days in Italy, students met regularly

Our Mission

In the spirit of St. Joan Antida Thouret, we prepare young women to lead and serve in a global society through a values based Catholic education.

Our Vision

St. Joan Antida High School is the gateway to educational excellence and service for young women who will live and lead in a multicultural world.

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The Future Starts Today!