

**“We are God’s workmanship, created in Jesus Christ to do good works.”  
Eph. 2:10**

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Encinitas, CA was established on February 23, 1946 by the Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego. The Church was established to serve the Catholic communities of Encinitas, Cardiff, Leucadia, and Olivenhain.

As the community grew, the need for continued religious education for the youth became very important. St. John Parochial School opened its’ doors on September 10, 1957. The school began with 182 students and a teaching staff of Benedictine Sisters of Tulsa, Oklahoma. From 1962 until 1992 the school was under the administration of the St. Clare Sisters.

St. John Church and School prospered at its original location just off Highway 101. As more families moved into the community it became apparent that they had outgrown their facilities. On September 9, 1984 Bishop Leo T. Maher blessed the new site chosen for the Parish. The new Church was blessed and dedicated on July 17, 1988. The Parish Hall and offices were dedicated on April 14, 1991.

In 1990 the school was moved to a temporary location on the parish grounds. The groundbreaking for the permanent school and religious education facilities took place on November 7, 1997. The school became occupied in March 1999.

St. John School eventually opened a preschool and now services over 600 students from preschool through eighth grade. There are over 1,000 students in the Religious Education program as well.

With the continued growth of St. John School came the desire to establish an Alumni Association for the school. Father Brian Corcoran and Barbara Picco, the current Pastor and Principal respectively, saw the potential in drawing former students back to their roots. It will take time to gather all the names and addresses from the past fifty-one graduating classes. In the meantime, alumni may call the School at 760-944-8227 or go to the School’s website ([www.saintjohnschool.com](http://www.saintjohnschool.com)) and click on the Alumni link for further instructions.

The School's annual dinner auction will be held on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at La Costa Resort & Spa. Alumni of St. John School are invited to attend this festive event. It would be a wonderful way to reconnect with former classmates. Please visit the Auction link on the school website for more information.

Future events planned for the alumni include an Alumni Sunday Mass, an Open House to visit the current school grounds, and class reunions.

St. John School would like to continue to foster the sense of community and faith with all of its alumni. Get in touch now!