

WALKING WITH HOPE

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ST. JAMES INSTITUTE



ABOUT ST. JAMES INSTITUTE

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St. James Institute is a Catholic social initiative dedicated to accompanying young people who seek to pursue technical or university studies. St. James especially supports those who come from foster homes, orphanages, and situations of vulnerability.

St. James provides guidance and support to young people so they can achieve an academic level of formation, gain practical experience, and develop the character and values that will help them better reach their goals and serve their families, communities, and society as a whole.

With this purpose, St. James focuses on providing a range of student services within a safe, close, and family-like environment, where each young person can receive support according to his or her needs. This support may include financial assistance for university expenses, student housing, food, transportation, mentoring services, job placement, the promotion of entrepreneurship, and other areas of support that the student may need and that St. James is able to provide.

In this way, through its services to young people, St. James seeks to promote the development of their talents and strengthen their character and values through study, work, and service.

We are deeply grateful for your interest in our work, and we also sincerely appreciate any support or collaboration you may wish to offer to help this mission grow and reach more young people.



MENSAJE INICIAL

June 2026 was a month of important progress. We continued accompanying the students in their formation while strengthening the relationships, organization, and structure that sustain our mission.

We continue working to improve each day and to better serve the students in their human, academic, spiritual, and community formation, helping them discover their vocation and build an independent future.

We are deeply grateful to all those who support this mission through their prayers, words of encouragement, and generosity.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Despite a complex national situation marked by road blockades and shortages of food and fuel, St. James continued moving forward with determination in its mission. Among the main achievements of June, we highlight the following:

- **Vocational workshops:** We held workshops with young people from Hogar Mercado Aguado, helping them reflect on their future, their talents, and their opportunities.
- **Strengthening partnerships:** We visited the Office for the Defense of Children and Adolescents to establish future relationships focused on the protection of young people and the prevention of violence.
- **Partnerships for counseling and vision care services:** We arranged free psychological support for St. James through CEMSE, as well as optometric care thanks to the support of local doctors.
- **New relationships:** We established connections with the Bahá'í community, with the desire to strengthen joint efforts in favor of education and the development of young people.
- **Improvements to Casa St. James:** We continued carrying out work to maintain and improve the house. During this month, doors were repaired and important household needs were addressed.
- **Greater service capacity:** Omar obtained his new Category B professional driver's license, which will allow him to drive service vehicles and higher-capacity vehicles to support future activities with the students.
- **Progress with the Archdiocese:** We presented a progress report to the Vicar General, who received with appreciation the progress made in the house and in the consolidation of the mission.
- **Pastoral formation:** We participated in formation for pre-baptismal catechists and in preparation sessions as guiding couples, strengthening our commitment to serving the community and the Church.
- **Institutional strengthening:** We developed a new, more organized, scalable, and transparent accounting system to improve administration and accountability before benefactors, partners, and authorities.

A STORY OF HOPE

June was marked by protests and road blockades that affected Bolivia for more than 53 days, causing economic difficulties, shortages of food and fuel, and great concern among families.

From St. James Institute, we stand in solidarity with Bolivian families and pray that society may find peace.

In the midst of this reality, we reaffirm our commitment to education, the building of unity, and the work of creating paths of peace, hope, and fraternity.



COMMUNITY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

During June, life at Casa St. James continued to unfold in an atmosphere of peace, respect, and fraternity. The students continued sharing daily life, household responsibilities, and formation spaces.

As in all community life, some difficulties and small conflicts also arose. However, these were addressed through dialogue, patience, and a family spirit, helping us grow in harmony, understanding, and mutual commitment.



Group of Catechists in Formation

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Meeting at the Archdiocese



Meeting with CEMSE

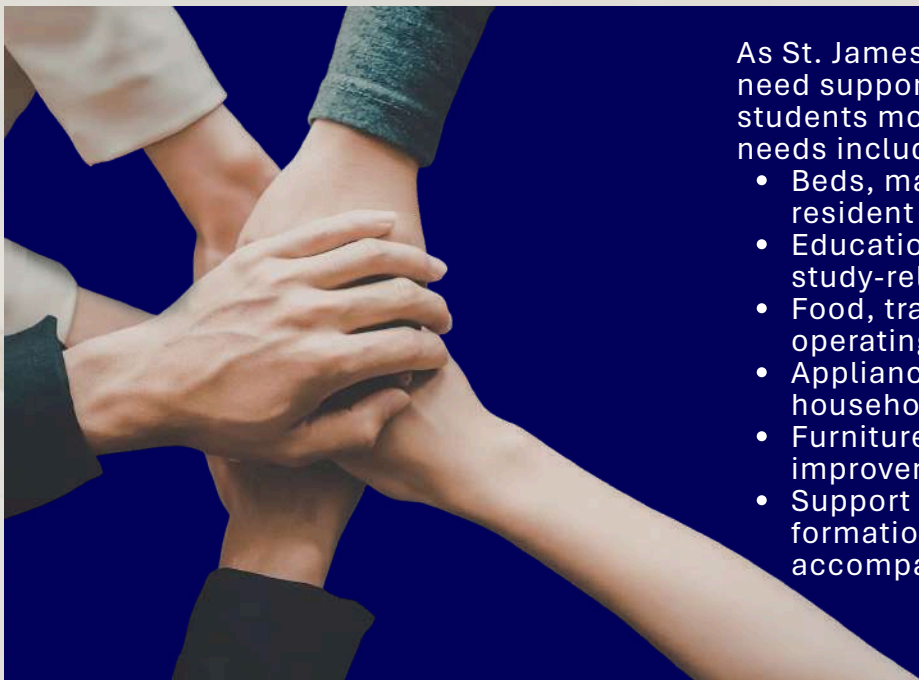
During June, we dedicated significant effort to strengthening the accounting system of St. James Institute. This work is a key part of consolidating a stronger, more organized, and sustainable institutional structure.

The new system will allow us to better record income, expenses, donations, transfers, and support received, making the administration of resources clearer and more effective. It will also help us generate more accurate reports for internal review, decision-making, and accountability.

This progress reflects our commitment to transparency, responsibility, and the trust of those who support our mission. St. James is committed to ensuring that every contribution is administered in the best possible way for the benefit of the students.



CURRENT NEEDS



As St. James Institute continues to grow, we need support to continue accompanying the students more effectively. Currently, our main needs include:

- Beds, mattresses, and bedding for future resident students.
- Educational scholarships and support for study-related expenses.
- Food, transportation, utilities, and daily operating expenses.
- Appliances, repairs, and essential household items.
- Furniture, storage solutions, and ongoing improvements to Casa St. James.
- Support for vocational guidance, formation, mentoring, and accompaniment programs.

WAYS TO HELP

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There are many ways to support the mission of St. James Institute:

- Pray for our students and for the mission of St. James Institute.
- Sponsor a student's education or contribute to a scholarship.
- Donate furniture, appliances, educational materials, or essential items.
- Contribute to housing, food, transportation, infrastructure, and operating expenses.
- Connect the Institute with universities, organizations, professionals, or potential benefactors.
- Share our mission with others who may feel called to support this work.
- Every contribution, large or small, helps provide our students with greater stability, new opportunities, and the support they need to build a prosperous future.



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Every contribution, no matter the size, helps support the education and formation of our youth.

LOOKING AHEAD

Over the coming months, we hope to:

- Welcome new students into the St. James program.
- Strengthen partnerships with orphanages, foster homes, universities, and Church institutions.
- Continue improving Casa St. James and preparing it to serve more students.
- Expand educational, vocational, and scholarship opportunities.
- Participate more actively in youth initiatives of the Archdiocese and our parish.
- Continue building a stable and sustainable institutional structure for long-term growth.



We move forward with hope, trusting that God will continue guiding this mission step by step.

CLOSING AND GRATITUDE

We are deeply grateful to all the people who have supported St. James Institute through their prayers, words of encouragement, generosity, and collaboration.

Every step we have taken has been possible thanks to the people and institutions who believe in this mission and in the potential of our students. Thank you for walking with us as we continue building a place of hope, formation, and opportunity.

With gratitude,

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