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## Hawaii gains a new priest

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at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa*

**By Patrick Downes**  
*Hawaii Catholic Herald*

By the grace of God, the power of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands, Hawaii gained a new priest May 18.

Bishop Larry Silva ordained William "Pila" Gene Matekiahelotu Tulua in a joyous two-hour Friday evening liturgy in the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.

"Overjoyed" was the word his mother, Nicole Moreno, chose to describe how she felt seeing her son ordained a priest.

"It is overwhelming," said Moreno, a Hilo resident. "We have waited so long for this. I knew he would do it."

"The Lord could not have chosen a better man," she said.

The ordination rite was a celebration of priestly brotherhood full of ancient rituals: a formal summons and recommendation, a prostration, the laying on of hands, an anointing, an investiture, a recitation of promises, a presentation of the symbols of ministry, a traditional prayer, a fraternal kiss of peace.

The Mass began with a procession of nine seminarian altar servers, 17 deacons,

62 priests, the bishop and the candidate for ordination, escorted by the Knights of Columbus wearing their new uniform berets.

The priests were vested in white and wore purple orchid leis. The bishop, in gold vestments, had a maile and tube-rose lei.

After blessing the altar with incense, Bishop Silva greeted everyone.

"We thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit that will be outpoured on Pila today," he said.

The Mass continued with the Liturgy of the Word. After Deacon Rafael Mendoza read the Gospel — a passage about the Good Shepherd — the ordination rite began.

Tulua, in a white alb and the diagonal stole of a deacon, was presented ceremonially to the bishop as a candidate for holy orders. The bishop asked if he was "worthy."

Father Rheo Ofalsa, the diocesan vocations director, replied that he was.

The bishop responded, "Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose William, our brother, for the order of the priesthood."

The congregation replied, "Thanks be to God" and applauded.

### In the midst of wolves

The bishop's homily was a warning against the "wolves" that stalk shepherd-priests and their flocks.

Addressing Tulua directly, the bishop said, "And now you, Pila, have been chosen by God through the discernment of his church, to join the ranks of these good shepherds who will be your brothers and friends."

"But good shepherds know that life is not always peaceful and tranquil," he said. "There are wolves from which the flock needs to be protected."

Bishop Silva defined the "wolves" as a priest's own

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Father EJ Resinto, left, greets Father William "Pila" Tulua with the "fraternal kiss of peace" at Father Tulua's ordination May 18 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa in Honolulu.

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# Bishop's page



Bishop  
Larry Silva

WITNESS TO JESUS | SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

## Renewing the face of the earth

*This is the text of Bishop Larry Silva's homily for the Solemnity of Pentecost, given May 19 and 20 at three parishes where he also administered the sacrament of confirmation, Immaculate Conception Church, Ewa; Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Honolulu; and the Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.*

**T**hunderous sounds and strong winds. Tongues of fire. Recreating the face of the earth. Changing lives. All of these terms could very well refer to the volcanic eruptions taking place even as we speak on the Island of Hawaii. Of course we know that the world-renowned beauty of these islands is only possible because of volcanic activity in the past, before there were human beings living here. And even though what is taking place now on the Big Island is awesome to watch, we know how dangerous and disruptive the eruptions can be to the people living in the rift zones and around them.

Homes and livelihoods have been lost. Many more are threatened. With floods or hurricanes, once the cleanup is done, people can go back and rebuild, but in the case of lava covering the land, they lose even their land. In many cases, even though they no longer have their lands or homes, people are still required to pay their mortgages. What can be viewed in the long term as land-building, or from a distance as an impressive and awesome natural phenomenon, will change lives in a very dramatic way.

Thunderous sounds and strong winds. Tongues of fire. Recreating the face of the earth. Changing lives. All of these terms also apply to the feast we are cel-

brating today, the feast of Pentecost, in which the Holy Spirit, like a strong, driving wind, came down in tongues of fire. The Spirit radically changed the lives of the fearful followers of Jesus into fearless prophets of his love who went out boldly and, speaking in different ways the same language of love, they changed the face of the earth. That day of Pentecost was like a volcanic eruption in which the faith that had lain dormant was shared explosively with a power that would ultimately touch every nation, every people, and every language on earth.

We are always tempted to view the Scriptures primarily as a record of past events in which God interacted with his people and from which we can draw valuable lessons. But the Word of God is living and effective today, and what happened back then in such a dramatic way God wants to happen continually, whether with the drama involved in that first day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or in the daily, rather undramatic — but no less powerful — ways the Spirit continues to work in the world today. And what is described in such dramatic terms on that first day of Pentecost is happening right here today, perhaps in a less dramatic way, but no less real. The Holy Spirit is to be poured out into the hearts and souls of our sisters and brothers in the sacrament of Confirmation. And just as those ordinary disciples went out boldly, miraculously speaking the same message in different tongues, so will our newly confirmed be able to do by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Some of you may see a classmate being bullied, and rather than just feeling sorry for the person, you bring together others to reach out and support this class-

mate or even to let your fiery love flow over the bully so that the hatred in his or her heart can be buried and burned away. Some of you may visit a friend, a relative, or a neighbor who is sick and suffering and bring them hope by your presence, your prayers, and perhaps your offer to help them with housework. Some of you may see someone struggling with studies in school and reach out to help that person have self-confidence, better study habits, or the understanding needed to be more successful.

Some of you may know of someone who is depressed for any number of reasons, and rather than allow that person to become isolated and to be covered over by that suffocating depression, you reach out with a listening ear, an open heart, and a committed presence that allows joy to finally seep through and build within that person.

Some of you will be able to speak the language of the homeless, some of the elderly, some the language of little children, but all will be able to proclaim the language of love that God has first taught you. That love may remain hidden away, but it will glow within the heart of the person you touch. Some love may erupt more explosively and dramatically, causing an earth-shaking change in the person.

But you will be given the ability to do these things as long as you stay in intimate contact with the Lord Jesus who sends us the gift of his Holy Spirit. You stay in contact by daily prayer and reading of the Scriptures, by coming here to be nourished by his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and to commit yourself each day to be on fire with his love, a fire that will burn away sin and renew the very face of the earth.

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### Bishop's calendar

*Bishop's Schedule [Events indicated will be attended by Bishop's delegate]*

- June 1, 6:00 pm, Mass for the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Reverend Gary Colton, St. Theresa Church, Kihei.
- June 2, 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Parish, Waianae. [Msgr. Gary Secor]
- June 3, 10:30 am, Mass for Feast of Corpus Christi at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi, followed by Eucharistic Procession to the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu, and Benediction at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace at 1:00 pm.

[Msgr. Gary Secor]

- June 4-8, Retreat for Priests of the Diocese of Orange, Palm Springs, California.
- June 9, 10:00 am, Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Waipahu. [Msgr. Gary Secor]; 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Rita Parish, Nanakuli. [Msgr. Gary Secor]
- June 13-15, Spring Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

### Announcements/Appointments

- The Presbyterate of the Diocese of Honolulu has elected the following priests to the Presbyteral Council to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2018 - June 30,

2021:

- Reverend Pascual Abaya (reelection)
- Reverend Mark Gantley (reelection)
- Reverend Khanh Hoang
- Reverend Alapaki Kim (reelection)
- Reverend Stephen Macedo (reelection)
- Reverend EJ Resinto
- Bishop Silva has appointed the following priests as Appointed Members of the Presbyteral Council to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021:
  - Reverend Michel Dalton, OFM Cap.
  - Reverend Alfred Guerrero
- The diocesan offices will be closed on Monday, June 11, 2018 in observance of King Kamehameha Day.

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# Parishioners displaced by lava ask for prayers

By Anna Weaver  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Sacred Heart, Paho, parishioners Paul and Rose Utes had to leave their home when lava from the Kilauea eruptions moved into their section of the Leilani Estates subdivision in Puna on the Big Island. At the time they heard the mandatory evacuation order, the couple, who own Black Rock Café in Paho, were prepping to cater food for Bishop Larry Silva's parish visit that first weekend in May.

While the Utes were at their house retrieving their belongings, a fissure opened up across the street, sending a lava fountain shooting into the air. They later returned to get some of their dogs that had run off after the fissure explosion and a few more things. But with the road to their home fairly inaccessible, they haven't been back recently.

"It's just frustrating not knowing what's going on around your house," Paul said on May 23.

Yet Paul said they haven't accepted much relief support beyond temporarily staying in a friend's home because they feel there are other people who need it more. Their business hasn't been much affected by the eruptions so far. And they have insurance, though they still have to pay the mortgage on a house they can't live in.

The Utes, who have lived in Leilani Estates since 1991, now need to find a long-term place to stay.

"I don't want these houses. I want my house," Paul recalled his wife saying sadly as they drove around looking at potential rental properties that would allow their six dogs.

"If everybody could just keep all the people affected in their prayers," Paul asked. "I know a lot of people that lost their houses and need help. And they're devastated. And I know quite a few people who didn't have insurance and lost their houses."

Sacred Heart, Paho, parishioners Richard and Nancy Robbins also live in Leilani Estates, but are four or five streets north of the current lava activity.

"God has looked out after us,"



An aerial photo of Kilauea Volcano's lower East Rift Zone shows lava channel flowing right to left. U.S. Geological Survey photo

Richard Robbins said.

While Hawaii County issued an evacuation order to subdivision residents, some residents like the Robbins have gone back to living in their homes. They moved from Miami to Hawaii 19 years ago and love Leilani. Now they regularly drive around the subdivision checking on the homes of friends and neighbors.

"It's one thing hearing about it, one thing seeing pictures on TV," Robbins said, but another to be there. "We got halfway down

a street and we realized that [the rest of the] street didn't exist anymore."

Richard says fellow parishioners have been wonderful. One couple offered their deployed son's home as a temporary residence. The parish food bank asked if they needed food. A non-Catholic local friend has also offered their home further away on the island for if and when the Robbins might need to leave Leilani again.

"We aren't in any need, but it's

nice to hear people ask you, even if you don't need it," Richard said.

"Leilani is a very, very tight community," Richard said. "I'm just hoping we can survive."

"I don't want to have to leave Hawaii."

## Church support

At Sacred Heart Parish in Paho town, you might not know there's major volcanic activity going on just a few miles away if not for the busy parking lot full of news crews and aid workers, said Lindbergh Marzo, Sacred Heart's pastoral council president.

The parish, which is in the Puna District and 3.5-miles from the eruption, has allowed media and relief workers to use their lot and office bathrooms. At one point the parish hall was a temporary crisis information center. Other parishes have been dropping off donations there as well.

St. Joseph Parish in Hilo filled a 15-person passenger van with food, water, blankets, pillows, clothing, gift cards and other items for Puna evacuees and dropped it off at Sacred Heart on May 22. Parishioners also raised a \$3,224 cash donation for a local relief fund.

Father Paul Li, vicar forane of the East Hawaii vicariate, said at a recent vicariate meeting all the parishes in the vicariate agreed to take up a second collection during the May 19-20 Pentecost Sunday services to go toward volcano aid.

Father Li's parish of St. Theresa in Mountain View, which is about 18 miles from Paho, and Holy Rosary Mission in Keaau collected \$1,164 in their second collection and also delivered blankets, tarps, towels and other items to Sacred Heart for distribution to those displaced residents that need them.

"Some people are grateful for where they are and some people have a lot of anxiety," Marzo said of the people he knows displaced by the volcano activity.

Leilani Estates is a rural subdivision with large lots on a 22-mile grid. The smaller nearby Lanipuna Gardens is also affected. At least 24 fissures have opened up since May 3, spewing molten rock on what used to be a quiet subdivision, forming a lava lake, sending magma to the ocean and expelling poisonous sulfur dioxide gas.

According to Hawaii County Civil Defense, as of May 28, 82 structures already have been destroyed by lava in this latest outflow from Kilauea Volcano, erupting continuously since 1983. Lava so far has covered more than 2,223 acres.

## To make a donation

The Diocese of Honolulu's three social service agencies — Office of Social Ministries, HOPE Services Hawaii, and Catholic Charities Hawaii — have been helping those affected by the recent volcanic activity. To make a donation:

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## Pray for Puna, and Kauai

Bishop Larry Silva offered the following petitions — sent by email to all priests, deacons and parishes — for those suffering from the volcanic eruption on the Big Island and flooding on Kauai.

*Dear friends, I ask every parish in the diocese to offer prayers for the people of the Big Island, who are suffering from the effects of the volcanic eruption; and for the people of Kauai, who are recovering from floods. Below are samples that could be used:*

*"That all on the Island of Hawaii may be safe from the effects of the volcanic eruptions, and that those eruptions will soon cease, we pray to the Lord."*

*"That all who were affected by the recent flooding, especially in Kauai, will be afforded the means to rebuild their homes and their livelihoods through the generous care of all the members of the church, we pray to the Lord."*



## Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST

50 years ago — May 24, 1968

Left, Father Gary P. Colton (second from right) was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John J. Scanlan on June 1, 1968 at his home parish of Star of the Sea.

*Editor's Note: Father Colton is now retired.*

25 years ago — June 4, 1993

### California native to be islands' newest priest

When three young men were ordained priests for the Diocese of Honolulu a year ago, there were no prospects for any future ordinations on the horizon. Hawaii had run out of seminarians.

But the Spirit works in unexpected ways. At 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa in Honolulu, Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario will ordain Stephen Anthony Macedo as Hawaii's newest priest.

Macedo, 31, is a Manteca, Calif., native with bachelor's degrees in dairy science and fruit science. ...

Macedo's priesthood ordination for Monterey was scheduled for last September. However, the urge to live and work in the islands kept gnawing at him. "A month

and two days" before ordination, he met with his bishop Sylvester D. Ryan to discuss moving dioceses.

*Editor's Note: Father Macedo is pastor at Annunciation Parish in Waimea on Hawaii Island.*

10 years ago — May 30, 2008

### Kaunakakai still striving for dream church

It's a small church with big goals. Parishioners at St. Sophia's Catholic Church in Kaunakakai have outnumbered the seats at Sunday Mass for as long as they've been raising money for a new building — 10 years to be exact. But their dream of replacing the termite-infested church with a new and bigger one is nearing fruition.

Sacred Hearts Father Clyde Guerreiro, since July the church's new pastor, announced to the community that they plan to begin the construction of their new church within a couple of years.

*Editor's Note: In Feb. 2010, St. Sophia burnt down. In Dec. 2011, the new St. Damien Church was dedicated.*

# Wonderful, grace-filled and joyful

*The celebration of confirmations in parishes across the diocese witnessed the Holy Spirit 'at work'*

By Patrick Downes  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

A wonderful, grace-filled, family experience.

That's how many island parishes described the special group confirmations of their children and youth in grades two through 12 at Masses on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, and its vigil, May 19.

The event, dubbed Big Pentecost, was the culmination of three years of preparation by the Diocese of Honolulu to administer the three sacraments of initiation in their proper order — baptism, confirmation and holy Eucharist.

About half of Hawaii's 66 parishes and Catholic ethnic communities confirmed its second graders this year. Older children, who ordinarily would have waited until high school for confirmation, also received the sacrament.

Because of the large number of confirmations at one time, more than 3,700 diocese-wide, Bishop Larry Silva delegated parish priests to administer the sacrament.

For these parishes, confirmation in the second grade before first Holy Communion is now the norm. The rest of Hawaii's parishes will make the same transition over the next two years.

"Miracles happened this Pentecost weekend at St. Catherine Church" in Kapaa, Kauai, said Elizabeth Sancho, fourth grade teacher at the parish school. There the pastor, Father Anthony Rapozo, confirmed 103 students, 17 of whom also received their first Holy Eucharist.

Sancho's description of this "enormous undertaking" could apply to other parishes as well.

"Meetings were scheduled, practices were attended, confirmation names were chosen, sponsors confirmed that they were confirmed, all leading up to the big weekend," she said. "The confirmandi showed up, the girls beautiful in their white dresses and the boys very handsome in their formal attire. Father Anthony was full of energy and blessings as he joyfully anointed all with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"The confirmandi each gave a lei to their sponsor and, in turn, received many lei after the service. The pastor spoke to the students on how they could now join the laity of the church as lectors, eucharistic ministers and beyond," Sancho said. "God bless the children who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. They are not the future of our church, but the church of today!"

## EXTRA MASSES

A few parishes with hundreds of confirmandi added Masses to accommodate them.

St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea confirmed 234, requiring the pastor to add two more Masses to the regular schedule of six.

"All our ceremonies were wonderful celebrations and everyone was patient and joyful," said St. Elizabeth pastor Father Arnold Ortiz.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Ewa Beach did not con-



Students from St. Theresa School, Kekaha, Kauai, who were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, pose with their pastor, Father Emerson Delos Reyes.



Father Stephen Macedo, pastor of Annunciation Parish, Waimea, confirms a young parishioner, anointing her with the oil of chrism on Pentecost, May 20.

firm anyone at its regularly scheduled five Masses, but instead added three special Masses, one on Saturday and two on Sunday, to confirm 313 children. Of these, 78 also received their first Communion.

"Pentecost 2018 was a big day for us," said Ewa Beach pastor Father Edmundo N. Barut Jr.

He said it was a coordinated effort by clergy, parish school students, the principal and teachers, catechists, youth ministers, liturgical ministers, parking attendants, parish office staff, parents, grandparents, sponsors, parishioners, and especially those who completed their initiation sacraments.

The parish's special choirs sang at the extra Masses.

"We salute our director of religious education and our catechists for the job well done!" Father Barut said.

St. John Apostle and Evange-

list Church in Mililani did not add more Masses to its regular schedule of three to administer its 215 confirmations, but instead put up a tent that seated 300 for the crowds of parents, grandparents, relatives and sponsors.

"Pentecost Sunday was a wonderful experience," said pastor Msgr. John Mbinda. "One amazing story was about a grandpa with a disability who flew from California to witness his grandchild receive the sacrament of confirmation."

## GRACE-FILLED

At Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Honokaa, "it was a grace-filled and a happy celebration for the children, for their families and for whole parish," said parish administrator Father Jun Bobier. He reported 31 children confirmed during the afternoon Mass and seven receiving both first Communion and Confirmation during



These children from St. Catherine Church, Kapaa, Kauai, were confirmed and received their first Communion at the Pentecost Vigil Mass, May 19.

the morning Mass.

After Mass, the Portuguese Hamakua Club organized a fellowship in the parish hall.

Father Emerson Delos Reyes, administrator of St. Theresa Parish, Kekaha, Kauai, reported 62 confirmed from the parish school and religious education classes, and two adults. A number of them also received first Communion and one was baptized, confirmed and received first Communion.

"It was truly a Spirit-filled event, solemnly celebrated and well attended," he said.

St. Theresa parish reporter Chantal Duarte added, "It is our hope that, as they are all now sealed in the Spirit, that they will feel the Holy Spirit's call to spread their wings in various parish ministries as they continue their faith journey."

Maria Lanakila Parish in Lahaina, Maui, had 37 children receiving first Communion and 124 RCIA participants, youth and children receiving confirmation, divided among four Masses. The children were from both the parish religious education program and the parish's Sacred Hearts School.

"It was a beautiful experience to share with the congregation members, both parishioners and visitors, during our regular sched-

uled church Mass," said parish secretary Mary Rosenthal.

At St. Jude Parish in Kapolei, 264 children were confirmed.

It went "better than expected," reported religious education coordinator Bonnie Boquer. "Families were very happy. The church was overflowing for all Confirmation Masses."

St. Stephen Parish in Nuuanu saw 35 confirmed in a "moving and solemn celebration," according to pastor Father Mario Raquepo. "Though there were that many kids, it went fast and smooth. It was a grace-filled event."

Sacred Heart Church in Puna-hou confirmed 180, according to Noel Simbajon, parish office manager.

On Hawaii Island, Father Stephen Macedo confirmed 79 young people at Annunciation Parish in Waimea, where he is pastor, and at Ascension Mission in Puako. "It went well," he said.

He will confirm three more later this year when their grandparent sponsors are able to come in from the Mainland.

At St. Theresa Church, Kihei, Maui, coordinator of religious education Kalae Martin reported 92 confirmed, three of whom were adults and 18 who received first Communion. Kelani Pong-Pilson was received into full communion

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# Chuukese native ordained a deacon; next step priesthood

By Patrick Downes  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

In an evening Mass enlivened by his Chuukese culture, Romple Emwalu was ordained a deacon by Bishop Larry Silva, May 25, at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church in Mililani. Hawaii's Chuukese Catholic community turned out in force to celebrate one of its own making his last major step on the path to priesthood for the Diocese of Honolulu.

It was a momentous event for the Micronesian native who had turned 36 the day before.

Many things led to the day eight years ago when Romple Emwalu stepped through the doors of Mount Angel Seminary in Marion County, Oregon. He was 28 and half a world away from his birthplace of Polowat, the coral atoll that is the western-most island in the Micronesian State of Chuuk.

Deacon Emwalu was born in 1982, the eighth of 20 children of his stepfather Celestino and mother Siena Kauka Emwalu. He grew up in Polowat where he attended elementary and middle school before moving on to high school in Weno, Chuuk's capital.

After high school, he enrolled at the Chuuk campus of the College of Micronesia-FSM for about a semester before moving to the national campus in Pohnpei State to further his studies in liberal arts, with a minor in media studies. He also earned a certificate to teach middle school and got a job at the college's Office of Admissions and Registration.

Emwalu taught elementary school in Pohnpei State from 2006 to 2007.

In 2008, he decided to pursue his education at the University of Hawaii, enrolling at Leeward Community College to study digital and graphic arts.

Emwalu soon became active



Newly ordained deacon Romple Emwalu prepares the altar at the of ertory of his ordination Mass May 25 at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church.

with the youth and young adult ministry at St. John Parish in Mililani. On his own he would visit a Mililani senior residence to "help them out with errands" and other things.

He also worked part time at Ross department store and as a military base custodian before getting a full-time job in construction, helping build homes on military bases.

All the while he felt the tug of priesthood.

"There was a priest back home who was kind of a model to me,"

Emwalu told the Hawaii Catholic Herald by phone last week. "But the one who really opened my eyes was my grandfather Dito Emwalu. He was a very religious person."

"I admired him, his dedication, his prayer life," he said. "He would get up in the morning and go and pray the rosary. Sometimes he would take me along with him. It was how my curiosity of the church began. I really admired his faith."

His grandfather died while Emwalu was still in middle school, but he had already left a perma-



Chuukese dancers entertain at the ordination reception for deacon Romple Emwalu May 25 at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church, Mililani.

nent impression.

He said that he doesn't fully understand it, "but these early childhood memories have come to resonate throughout my whole life until now."

Emwalu also had a second cousin who was a priest, Father Basil Dilipy, who died when Emwalu was in his second year of the seminary. "He was kind of a mentor to me," he said.

As a young adult in Hawaii Emwalu's religious vocation began to mature.

"I saw the needs of the Micronesian people in the islands, the needs of the young in the parish," he said.

He was especially drawn to "praying in front of the Eucharist." "It brought me close to God," he said.

Emwalu was accepted by the diocese as a candidate for priesthood in 2010 and he entered Mount Angel Seminary to study for the required college degree in philosophy. He graduated in 2014 and proceeded to St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif., for his master's in theology.

Part of his formation included

a pastoral year "in the field" at St. Catherine Parish on Kauai.

Leading up to the ordination last week, Emwalu said he was full of "feelings of excitement, nervousness," as he was caught up in the swirl of preparation among the local Chuukese community, the parish community and his family. But he decided that he was not going to worry about the seating or the food or the parking.

"It is enough to focus on the interior part of myself," he said.

Emwalu's stepfather is a permanent deacon, ordained in Chuuk in 2010 for the Diocese of the Caroline Islands, now serving at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

He said that his father joked that his son, now also a deacon but continuing on the road to priesthood, will "pass him on the right lane."

Emwalu has one more year of academics at St. Patrick Seminary before he is ordained a priest.

He noted that, when ordained, he does not want to be characterized as a priest just for the Micronesian community, but also "a priest for everyone."

in the church.

"It was a spirit-filled experience. Youth took an active role serving in various ministries during the liturgy and five priests conferred the sacraments," Martin said. "Overall, it was a witness to see the power of the Holy Spirit's presence our family faith community."

St. Michael Parish in Kailua-Kona saw 149 confirmations in grades two through 12 — of whom 28 were from the Hispanic community — and 44 first Communions, according to pastoral associate Cynthia M. Taylor.

## FAMILY EVENT

At St. Joseph Parish, Hilo, where 124 children were confirmed, "it was a wonderful experience when families came together and celebrated the sacrament with joy," said pastor Blessed Sacrament Father Wilbert Laroga.

"It was really a family-oriented event," he said. "The children were very excited to receive the sacraments of reconciliation, confirmation and Eucharist. Hopefully through these children they can bring their family back to the church. It was an excellent initiative to reach out to Catholic families who are away from the church."



The newly confirmed of St. Anthony Parish, Wailuku, Maui, pose for a photo.

Sister Victoria Lavente, a Sister of St. Paul of Chartres who is principal of St. Anthony School in Kalihi, said that confirmation was given to 96 students — 50 from the school and the rest from the parish religious education program.

"Our students are still in awe with their experience and have a curious understanding of what it is to be a soldier of Christ," she said. "With the world as their playground and their workplace in the future, they understand their responsibilities to the church and to the community."

"They were joyful that their

families near and far made an effort to join them in the celebration and to witness the seal of the Holy Spirit in their persons," Sister Victoria said. "The church was packed to the rafters. The Holy Spirit's presence was very evident!"

Resurrection of the Lord Parish in Waipio, Oahu, confirmed 155 young people between grades two and 12.

"Our faith formation team did an excellent job preparing our young people," said pastor Father William Kunisch. "Many of our parishioners commented on how inspiring it was to see the faith

of so many young people on one weekend."

"The Holy Spirit was certainly at work," he said, "and the wind gusts were right on cue!"

## NEW LIFE AND HOPE

Chrislyn Villena, director of religious education and family ministries, at St. Joseph, Hilo, said the weekend brought "life and hope" to the parish.

"It wasn't only about the newly initiated but their family as a whole," she said. "Through the power of the Holy Spirit — and social media — my office is now overwhelmed with new families calling or emailing or reaching out via social media wanting the same life and hope for their children."

"The outpouring is so vast that I am already starting a pre-registration for the next religious education cycle," Villena said. "The entire parish, including the clergy, was essential in this historical event for us. It was a total team effort! Praise God."

"We confirmed 164 children and adults," said Cindy Kaul, director of religious education at St. Anthony Parish in Kailua. "It was beautiful!"

Kaul said one mother of a second grader who was confirmed and received first Communion on

Pentecost told her that "he commented several times that day, 'This is the best day of my life!'"

Another mother contacted her a day later to say, "How beautiful it was to see everyone celebrating their first Communion and confirmation. I felt so proud. Now that my child's special event is over, can you please point me in the direction of becoming Catholic myself."

"The Holy Spirit touched not only those confirmed, but those present at the Mass," Kaul said. "Many felt inspired by watching these young disciples receive confirmation to strengthen their own relationship with Christ."

St. Augustine had 15 children confirmed and eight receiving first Communion.

"The parents and families were very impressed and happy how we included the children as part of the Mass," some as lectors and gift bearers, said pastor Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona.

"Those confirmed attended their first ministers meeting with the rest of the community on Monday evening, as some have chosen to become active ministers within the community as lectors, ushers and more," he said. "Most of the children are excited to now fully participate within the life of the church."



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The choir was originally formed from seven families, also parishioners, and has grown to 16 families — 45 members strong. Sagato Tuiava Pule, co-founder and music director at the time, had two children who were talented pianists, Talai Fuga and Saint Tuiava Pule, whom he and his late wife, Fuatai S. Pule,

molded into the choir's ever-present pianists and music directors today.

The choir was assigned to the Sunday, 7 a.m. Mass for about a decade before switching to the Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass, which is where you can find them if you would like to experience their harmonious praise.

Outside of their parish, the choir has contributed countless hours of community service over the years, most especially in support of the Samoan community. Using their musical talents, they entertained the elderly at the lo-

cal nursing home, participated in the annual Waianae Christmas Parade, and were invited to sing and perform at various events, including the Lumanai Scholarship awards.

The choir has been blessed and does its best to give back in the form of donations to causes such as the Lumanai Scholarship awards and Sacred Heart Parish outreach.

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Leila (Villada) Condon, editor of the Hawaii Catholic Herald from 1953 to 1959, died in a Honolulu care home, May 2. She was 91.

Condon was born Leila Villada on Aug. 7, 1926, in Honolulu. She was a graduate of Maryknoll High School in Honolulu and the College of New Rochelle in New York. She also worked as a public school teacher and as press secretary for Sen. Hiram L. Fong.

She was named editor of the Hawaii Catholic Herald at age 26. Her first edition was July 31, 1953. Her last was dated March 27, 1959.

She later married Dr. Walter P. Condon and the couple lived in Maryland before retiring in Hawaii in 1999. Dr. Condon died in 2005.

Condon is survived by nephews John (Kim) and Timothy (Kathy) Keanini and grand and great-grandnephews and nieces.

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### Visiting choir

St. Joseph Mission in Kaupo, Maui, celebrated its first Mass of 2018 on April 29. After a rainy winter that had brought many road closures, prayers for good weather were answered. St. Joseph is the most remote mission of the already distant St. Mary Church in Hana. The music for the Mass was provided by the Honors Choir of Sacred Hearts School, the parish school of Maria Lanakila Church in Lahaina, under the directorship of Lori Ulman. Pictured is the choir with pastor Father Arwin Rebolledo, left, and Ulman, far right. Mass is celebrated on the fifth Sunday of the year, a date that occurs usually twice a year.

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## Setting hearts on fire

*“The Holy Spirit is the divine force that changes the world ... The Spirit does not only change hearts; he changes situations. Like the wind that blows everywhere, he penetrates to the most unimaginable situations.”* (From Pope Francis’ homily for Pentecost 2018)

Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles on that first Pentecost and breathed new life in them, Pope Francis inspires us to receive that same Spirit today to make changes in our world. Our Holy Father’s sermon on Pentecost Sunday describes how the Holy Spirit’s powerful spark can not only change our hearts but also the toughest situations we face.

The words Pentecost and Holy Spirit evoke vivid images and amazing sounds — tongues of fire and people talking in multiple languages. Here in Hawaii, Kilauea’s eruption gives us powerful images of flaming fountains bursting into the air like giant tongues of fire. And on Pentecost Sunday, in many parishes around the diocese, hundreds of people of various ethnicities who speak a multitude of languages celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation.

At the Ohana Mass on Pentecost at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Honolulu were confirmed folks of all ages who communicated in Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Chuukese, Hawai-

ian, English, plus American Sign Language, and even Braille. Many were touched by the sharing of the sacrament among families who had members with disabilities, who are living expressions of the Pope’s Pentecost prayer: *“Holy Spirit, blow into our hearts and make us breathe forth the tenderness of the Father!”*

In a moment that tugged at everybody’s heart, little Teresa, just back from a Knights of Malta pilgrimage to Lourdes and who is unable to speak, expressed her confirmation responses using a customized iPad app that pronounced her answers in a digital voice: *“I do.” “Amen.” “And with your Spirit.”*

Debra came up with her walker to receive the sacrament. At the touch of being anointed with holy chrism, her blind eyes filled with tears from her huge heart.

Mary Lou and her sister Florence stood side-by-side, signing their responses, as they received the sacrament of confirmation with their children Reinna and Riley. Clearly, all could see and hear the words of our Holy Father’s Pentecost homily alive in their midst.

The pope’s Pentecost homily underscored how the Holy Spirit set hearts on fire to send forth disciples to build the Kingdom of God worldwide: *“Those who live by the Spirit live in this constant spiritual tension: they find themselves pulled*

*both toward God and toward the world. Let us ask him to make us live in exactly that way. Holy Spirit, violent wind of God, blow upon us ... Blow upon the church and impel her to the ends of the earth, so that, brought by you, she may bring nothing other than you.”*

After the Pentecost Mass, Pope Francis spoke to the thousands of pilgrims from around the globe gathered at the Vatican’s St. Peter’s Square and named 14 new cardinals from a wide range of countries: Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Japan, Mexico, Bolivia, and Italy — a diverse group of leaders to share and live the Good News of the Gospel in multiple languages for an inclusive, compassionate Catholic Church.

The pope’s Pentecost celebration this year continued the message of his recent apostolic exhortation, *“Rejoice and Be Glad,”* which he concluded with the following appeal: *“Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort.”*

In that same Spirit, Our Holy Father closed his Pentecost homily with this very inspiring prayer: *“Blow upon our world the soothing warmth of peace and the refreshing cool of hope. Come Holy Spirit, change us within and renew the face of the earth.”*

For the full text of Pope Francis Pentecost homily and *“Rejoice and Be Glad,”* see [www.officefor-socialministry.org/pope-francishomily-for-pentecost-2018](http://www.officefor-socialministry.org/pope-francishomily-for-pentecost-2018).

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## Knights elect new officers, honor members at annual convention

The Hawaii State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at its 39th annual state convention and banquet, April 27-29 at the Ala Moana Hotel, elected its new officers and honored its high achievers.

Msgr. Gary Secor celebrated the opening Mass, and State Deputy Michael P. Victorino presided over the annual business meeting that followed.

The following officers were elected for 2018-2019: State Deputy Michael M. Madix, State Secretary Ryan K. Brown, State Treasurer Robert B. Camilleri, State Advocate Stephen D. Fredette and State Warden John

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At the banquet, the following honors were bestowed: Knight of the Year, Michael P. Victorino; Lady of the Year, Mandy Brown; Family of the Year, Gilbert and Linda Jose; State Officers of the Year, Robert B. Camilleri and Ryan K. Brown; District Deputies of the Year, Alex Ty and Brendan N. Takahashi; and Grand Knight of the Year, Paul de Vos.

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Clockwise from right, ordination candidate William Tulua lies prostrate in front of Bishop Larry Silva during the Litany of Supplication; Bishop Silva ordains Father Tulua with the laying on of hands; Father Tulua addresses the congregation at the end of Mass; Bishop Silva hands Father Tulua the paten and chalice that will be used during the ordination Mass

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## William Tulua ordained a priest for the Diocese of Honolulu

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sinfulness, self-centeredness and contentment.

"Sometimes we want to be the center of attention, to make all the decisions, to do things that please us and neglect things that we find difficult," he said.

"We can be so focused on the service of the altar and those who gather around it that we neglect to recognize that if we are going to bring glad tidings to the lowly, we must go out where the lowly are," he said.

"It is in the midst of all these wolves that the Lord has called you to shepherd his beloved flock as a priest, Pila," the bishop said. "When they are howling and hissing all around us, it is hard to feel like you are in verdant pastures."

Bishop Silva concluded, "But the grace of Jesus, the Good Shepherd ... will always give you courage to stay and never to run away, so that all the strays can be brought back, all the wounded healed, and all who are strong give eternal glory to the Eternal Priest and Shepherd of our souls."

The bishop then queried Tulua regarding adherence to his priestly and spiritual duties. To five questions the candidate responded "I do."

Last, the bishop asked for respect and obedience.

A large lauhala mat was then unrolled in front of the altar and Tulua lay face down on it as the church sang the long Litany of Supplication, its melody based on a Hawaiian chant, asking for the prayers of a host of saints, and God's blessings upon the one to be ordained.

Tulua then knelt in front of the bishop who silently, solemnly laid his hands on his head, ordaining him a priest. All 60-plus priests, standing in the sanctuary,



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Family portrait, from left, Father Tulua's aunt Olga Interiano, grandmother Ruth Moreno, Father Tulua, mother Nicole Moreno, Bishop Silva, uncle Charles Moreno and friend Isabel Cortez.

lined up to do the same.

After the last priest, a frail Father Dennis Koshko, laid his hands upon the newly ordained, Bishop Silva prayed the formal "Prayer of Ordination" over Father Tulua.

"May he be a faithful steward of your mysteries," the bishop read, "so that your people may be renewed in the waters of rebirth and nourished from your altar; so that sinners may be reconciled and the sick raised up."

Two priests then helped Father Tulua put on his priestly stole and chasuble, the outer garment, distinctive in its elbow-length, a style named after the 16th century St. Phillip Neri, whose feast day falls on the new priest's birthday.

The bishop anointed the

priest's hands with sacred chrism stored in a calabash carved from the wood of Hawaii's first Kiawe tree, planted by the first Catholic missionaries to the islands.

The bishop placed into the priest's hands a chalice holding wine and a paten carrying the host for the Mass, saying "Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God."

Bishop Silva then gave Father Tulua a "fraternal kiss of peace," an embrace. In a show of fraternity, the priests all followed suit.

The Mass continued with the new priest at the bishop's left, reading portions of the Eucharistic Prayer.

From beginning to end, the Mass was enriched by a strong multi-parish choir leading a wide variety of music, from the

Hawaii-influenced compositions of Robert Mondoy to chants in Latin.

The church was about half filled with groups of religious sisters, friends, Mainland visitors, members of St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea where Tulua worked for a year as a seminarian and others.

Seated in the front pew with Father Tulua's mother were his grandmother Ruth Moreno, his aunt Olga Interiano, his uncle Charles Moreno and friend Isabel Cortez, all from California.

Charles Moreno told the Hawaii Catholic Herald that he was "not surprised at all" by his nephew's priestly calling.

As a child, he was kind and considerate, he said. "He was always there for people."

Before Mass concluded, Fa-

ther Tulua gave his first priestly blessing to Bishop Silva and addressed the congregation.

"Thank you very much," he said. "This has been a long time coming."

He thanked his mother, the bishop, his seminary rector, his fellow seminarians and others.

"It is amazing what has transpired here," he said. "I ask that you pray for me."

Father Tulua, 55, was born in California in 1963 in what is now Silicon Valley.

After high school, he entered the Brigittine Monastery of Our Lady of Consolation in Amity, Oregon. He left after a few years and began studies in medical assisting.

He came to Hawaii in 1986 to enroll in Hawaii Loa College in Kaneohe with hopes of becoming a physician's assistant, but later changed his major to pre-theology, earning a bachelor's of religious studies.

While at Hawaii Loa, he started work as a bus driver for Polynesian Adventure Tours, a job he held for 23 years.

The idea of being a priest came as a suggestion from a friend. Tulua inquired further and was accepted by the Diocese of Honolulu. He was sent to Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Wisconsin, a seminary for older vocations.

His eight years of theological training included Clinical Pastoral Education at Queen's Medical Center and a pastoral year at St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea.

He was ordained a deacon last Aug. 15.

Father Tulua was to celebrate his "first" Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.

He has been assigned as parochial vicar to St. Catherine Church in Kapaa, Kauai.



### Flock of shepherds

Above, Hawaii's parish priests assemble for a group photo during their annual convocation of priests May 14-18 at the Turtle Bay Resort on Oahu's North shore. Right, retired Father Louis H. Yim; Father Khanh Hoang, pastor of St. Jude, Kapolei; and Father Pascual Abaya, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Pearl City, take a break from the convocation activities. Far right, the Kahuku sunset. More than 100 priests attended the mandatory annual spring event. The convocation's theme this year was "Stewardship: A Way of Life."

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# All of Chile's bishops offer resignations after meeting with pope on sexual abuse

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY** — Every bishop in Chile offered his resignation to Pope Francis after a three-day meeting at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal.

"We want to announce that all bishops present in Rome, in writing, have placed our positions in the Holy Father's hands so that he may freely decide regarding each one of us," Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Errazuriz of San Bernardo said May 18 in a statement on behalf of the country's bishops.

The unprecedented decision was made on the final day of their meeting May 15-17 with Pope Francis.

Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos Perez of Santiago, secretary-general of the Chilean bishops' conference, said the pope had read to the 34 bishops a document in which he "expressed his conclusions and reflections" on the 2,300-page report compiled by Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and his aide, Father Jordi Bertomeu, during a visit to Chile to investigate the scandal.

"The pope's text clearly showed a series of absolutely reprehensible acts that have occurred in the Chilean church in relation to those unacceptable abuses of power, of conscience and sexual abuse that have resulted in the lessening of the pro-

phetic vigor that characterized her," Bishop Ramos said.

After reflecting on the pope's assessment, he added, the bishops decided to hand in their resignations "to be in greater harmony with the will of the Holy Father."

"In this way, we could make a collegial gesture in solidarity to assume responsibility — not without pain — for the serious acts that have occurred and so that the Holy Father can, freely, have us at his disposal," Bishop Ramos said.

Shortly after the announcement, Juan Carlos Cruz, one of three survivors who met privately with Pope Francis in April, tweeted, "All Chilean bishops have resigned. Unprecedented and good. This will change things forever."

The bishops will continue in office unless or until the pope accepts their resignations.

The document in which Pope Francis gave his evaluation of the situation of the church in Chile was leaked May 17 by Chilean news channel Tele 13. The Associated Press reported that the Vatican confirmed the document's authenticity.

The pope wrote in the document that removing some church leaders from office "must be done," but that "it is not enough; we must go further. It would be irresponsible of us not to go deep in looking for the roots and struc-

tures that allowed these concrete events to happen and carry on."

In it, the pope said that "the painful situations that have happened are indications that something is wrong with the ecclesial body."

The wound of sexual abuse, he said, "has been treated until recently with a medicine that, far from healing, seems to have worsened its depth and pain."

Reminding the bishops that "the disciple is not greater than his master," Pope Francis warned them of a "psychology of the elite" that ignores the suffering of the faithful.

He also said he was concerned by reports regarding "the attitude with which some of you bishops have reacted in the face of present and past events."

This attitude, the pope said, was guided by the belief that instead of addressing the issue of sexual abuse, bishops thought that "just the removal of people would solve the problem."

In an accompanying footnote, the pope said the bishops' behavior could be labeled as "the Caiphias syndrome," referring to the high priest who condemned Jesus saying, "Better for one man to die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

The act of covering up cases of abuse, he added, was akin to the Latin American saying, "Muerto el perro se acabo la rabia" ("Dead dogs don't bite").

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# Voters in Ireland pave way for abortion on demand

By Michael Kelly  
Catholic News Service

**DUBLIN** — Voters in Ireland have opted to remove the right to life of the unborn from the country's constitution, paving the way for abortion on demand up to 12 weeks.

Results from the nationwide referendum showed that 66.4 percent of citizens opted to remove the Eighth Amendment from the constitution, while 33.6 percent voted to retain it. Turnout was 64.5 percent.

Voters inserted the original amendment in the constitution in 1983 by a margin of 2-1, and it "acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right."

That text will now be deleted and replaced with an article stating that "provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy."

Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick told Massgoers May 26 that the result "is deeply regrettable and chilling for those of us who voted 'no.'"

He said "the final result of the referendum is the will of the majority of the people, though not all the people."

"It is a vote, of course, that does not change our position. Our message is one of love: love for all, love for life, for those with

us today, for those in the womb," he said.

Referring to Pope Francis' Aug. 25-26 visit, Bishop Leahy said: "In August, we will unite as a family, to renew that sense of family when the World Meeting of Families comes here. We have the privilege of Pope Francis coming, and today I cannot think of his visit being more timely: to come here and remind us of the importance of family, of the love we have of family, of the reality that, yes, families get bruised sometimes, but they should never be broken."

Minister for Health Simon Harris has said he would introduce legislation that would allow abortion on demand up to 12 weeks, up to 24 weeks on unspecified grounds for the health of the mother, and up to birth where the child is diagnosed with a life-limiting condition that means he or she may not live long after birth.

An exit poll conducted by the Ireland's national broadcaster RTE asked voters what motivated them to opt for either "yes" or "no." Among "yes" voters, the most important issues were the right to choose (84 percent), the health or life of the woman (69 percent), and pregnancy as a result of rape (52 percent).

Among "no" voters, they cited the right to life of the unborn (76 percent), the right to live of those with Down syndrome or other disabilities (36 percent), and religious views (28 percent).

John McGuirk, spokesman

for Save the Eighth, which campaigned for a "no" vote, described the outcome as "a tragedy of historic proportions."

"The Eighth Amendment did not create a right to life for the unborn child — it merely acknowledged that such a right exists, has always existed and will always exist," he said, insisting that "a wrong does not become right simply because a majority support it."

"We are so proud of all of those who stood with us in this campaign — our supporters, our donors, our families and our loved ones," he said. "This campaign took a huge personal toll on all of us who were involved, and we have been so grateful for their support."

Insisting that pro-life campaigners will continue their efforts, McGuirk told Catholic News Service: "Shortly, legislation will be introduced that will allow babies to be killed in our country. We will oppose that legislation. If and when abortion clinics are opened in Ireland, because of the inability of the government to keep their promise about a (general-practitioner-led health) service, we will oppose that as well."

"Abortion was wrong yesterday. It remains wrong today. The constitution has changed, but the facts have not," he said.

Ruth Cullen of the LoveBoth campaign insisted that the organization will try to ensure that the Irish prime minister, or Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, is true to his

pledge that the government will work to ensure that abortions are rare.

"We will hold the Taoiseach to his promise that repeal would only lead to abortion in very restrictive circumstances. He gave his word on this, now he must deliver on it. No doubt many people voted for repeal based on the Taoiseach's promises in this regard," she said.

Commenting on the campaign, Cullen said: "We are immensely proud and grateful to all our volunteers throughout the country who worked tirelessly over recent months to ensure unborn babies would not be deprived of legal

protections.

"The campaign to protect unborn babies will endure," she said.

Eamonn Conway, a theologian at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, told Catholic News Service he was "greatly saddened" by the result. However, he pointed out that "the truth is that the Irish Constitution merely recognized the right to life that is antecedent to all law. This most fundamental of all human rights is not extinguished or diminished because our constitution no longer acknowledges it. What is diminished is our constitution," he said.

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## Schedule of Events

Friday, June 22, 2018		Saturday, June 23, 2018	
		8:30am - 9:30am	Mass with Bishop Larry Silva
11:30am - 1:00pm	Registration and Exhibits	9:30am - 10:00am	Registration and Exhibits
1:00pm - 5:30pm	Afternoon Breakouts: Sessions 1 and 2	10:00am - 12:00pm	Morning Breakout: Session 4
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Break; Light Meal at door for purchase (\$10)	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Break; Light Meal at door for purchase (\$10)
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Evening Breakout: Session 3	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon Breakout: Session 5

## Friday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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<b>1-02 An Ignatian-Inspired Approach to Prayer and Spirituality</b> <i>Fr. John LeVecke</i> LEM 108 Addresses our relationship with God and how He navigates us through the joys and difficulties of our spiritual life. Founded on Christ's examples and teachings on prayer, we explore the diversity of the spiritual life, and practical applications to be utilized for personal growth.	<b>1-07 Catholic Social Teaching</b> <i>Dr. Dave Coleman</i> An overview of the basic concepts and values underlying Catholic Social Teaching and its importance in living the life of faith and proclaiming the Gospel.
<b>1-03 Meeting JESUS Incarnate, Every Day, in Every Sacrament</b> <i>Dominic Olaso</i> LEM III An introduction to a meaningful celebration of the Sacraments, including insights into why the sacramental life of the faith community is so central to our Catholic identity.	<b>1-08 Revelation: The Book of Hope, Not Fear</b> <i>Dr. Regina Pfeiffer</i> Despite the often popular notion that the book of Revelation predicts future catastrophic events, the author's main intention is to offer hope of better times. Explore how the book of Revelation uses symbolic language to inspire hope, not fear.
<b>1-04 emPowering Parents as Primary Educators of Faith for their Children!</b> <i>Sarah and David Herrmann</i> This workshop is esp. for parish and school staff. We'll give you tools to emPower parents to desire faith for their whole family!	<b>1-09 St. Paul Street Evangelization</b> <i>Dr. Kristina DeNeve</i> Learn a Catholic style of street evangelization, where people can come to us for prayer, free rosaries etc... and yes, to learn more about the Catholic faith.
<b>1-05 Stewardship as the Expression of Vocation: A Biblical Foundation</b> <i>Fr. Rheo Ofalso and Lisa Sakamoto</i> Join in the conversation as Fr. Rheo leads the group in discussion on how we each might take greater ownership of our vocations through stewardship.	<b>1-10 Lessons in Social Media: Back to School Part I</b> <i>Sherry Hayes-Peirce</i> You will learn a 5 step strategy for developing and delivering engaging messages to digital natives that is easy and fast! NOTE that you must sign up for both Parts I and II.

## Friday, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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<b>2-03 What Do You Believe - The Catholic Answer</b> <i>Anthony Selvanathan</i> LEM 109 Reflect upon the creed and the articles of faith, their biblical perspectives and what matters so we grow more confident in sharing our most important beliefs.	<b>2-08 Forming AFF Leaders so They Can Form Disciples</b> <i>Dr. Kristina DeNeve and Trudy Rawlins</i> Join us for this hands-on workshop to think about, plan and hear others' ideas about fostering adult faith formation (AFF) in your parish.
<b>2-04 Effective Parish Evangelization &amp; Catechesis for Millennials &amp; Generation Z</b> <i>Dallas Carter</i> LEM 222, 224, 226 A fresh look at evangelization & catechesis in our parishes through 'attractive' technology that truly engages students and immerses them in the life of Christ.	<b>2-09 Circles of Influence: Stewardship and Evangelization</b> <i>Melissa Pavlick</i> Stewardship and Evangelization are intimately connected - stewardship leads to evangelization and evangelization leads to stewardship. Join us to discuss 10 ways we steward/evangelize at Church, home and beyond!
<b>2-05 From Reader to Lector to Proclaimer</b> <i>Dr. Regina Pfeiffer</i> LEM III To be a lector who proclaims means preparing your heart, head and body. This workshop will invite participants to listen to scripture in preparing the heart, using the head to understand the meaning and developing the body for proclaiming. Become more than a lector; be a proclaimer of God's word for God's Church.	<b>2-10 Lessons in Social Media: Back to School Part II</b> <i>Sherry Hayes-Peirce</i> You will learn a 5 step strategy for developing and delivering engaging messages to digital natives that is easy and fast! NOTE that you must sign up for both Parts I and II.

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<b>3-01 Prayer and Spirituality - How Do You Pray?</b> <i>Dcn. Keith Galang</i> LEM 108 Are you packed for your spiritual journey? Got some prayers memorized to take along? Join in a discussion on spiritual life, approaches to prayer, and a look at charisms of various Christian communities (e.g., Franciscan, Benedictine).	<b>3-03 Sharing Faith in Small Groups (Helps Catholic Get More Comfortable Sharing their Faith Using Words!)</b> <i>Christopher Malano</i> LEM 411 Prepare and strengthen your skills in facilitating small faith sharing groups. Adult learning styles and the role of relationships for adult faith formation will also be examined.
<b>3-02 Catholic Moral Theology for Beginners</b> <i>Dr. Dave Coleman</i> LEM 110 An overview of basic concepts in moral theology as well as a discussion of specific moral issues that every Catholic should be able to address faithfully.	<b>3-04 What's a Catechist to Do?!</b> <i>Frank Villanueva</i> LEM 104 Catechists are more than "content experts"! Explore the aim of catechesis, the six tasks of catechesis and the key roles we fulfill as parish catechists working with either children or adults

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**Friday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm CONT.**

<p><b>3-05 My Beloved, My Friend: Foundations for Building a Life of Authentic Love</b>  <i>Melissa Maleski</i> LEM 110                  In response to Bishop Silva's desire for a stronger, more evangelical Domestic Church, this prayer-focused session connects all to the true meaning of Christian Love and human sexuality.</p>	<p><b>3-08 Revealing the Unseen</b>  <i>Anthony Selvanathan</i>                  Using a "show and tell" approach, participants will see how the newest tools in the Digital Humanities are allowing scholars to better understand Scripture.</p>
<p><b>3-06 Practicing Catholic, Practicing Professional</b>  <i>Dcn. Ricardo Burgos, M.D.</i>                  Explore ways Catholic professionals can respond to issues that are not in line with our faith (ie. abortion, gay marriage, etc.). Carry out your profession each day guided by the Gospel and the teachings of the Church!</p>	<p><b>3-09 Labyrinth – Path of Prayer</b>  <i>Stephanie Conching</i>                  The labyrinth is a path of prayer that allows the walker an opportunity to contemplate and commune with God. This session will offer a general history of the labyrinth and offer an opportunity to experience this spiritual tool.</p>
<p><b>3-07 Forming Engaging Young Adult Ministries</b>  <i>Kainoa Fukumoto and Malcolm Zara</i>                  Tragically, Catholic young adults are becoming more disengaged from actively practicing their faith. In this dynamic session, learn effective strategies to re-engage young adults.</p>	<p><b>3-10 What Would Jesus Post?</b>  <i>Sherry Hayes-Peirce</i>                  You will learn the "Do's and Don'ts" for posting on social media and 5 Things You Should Be Posting Today!</p>

**Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

<p><b>4-01 Before God said "No", He said "Yes": Making Sense of Catholic Morality</b>  <i>Melissa Maleski</i>                  Christ says "his yoke is light," but adhering to Catholic Morality often feels heavy. Unburden yourself and connect with the joyful reality of moral living!</p>	<p><b>4-06 Preparing Your Parish for VIRTUS: A Train the Trainers Session Part I</b>  <i>Tyra Lamb</i>                  Learn the "how to's" of facilitating VIRTUS-based awareness sessions for adults in your parish, while also fulfilling your own Safe Environment training requirements. NOTE that you must sign up for both Parts I and II.</p>
<p><b>4-02 Reading, Praying and Understanding Scripture</b>  <i>Dcn. Mike Ross</i> LEM 107                  Explore the inspiration, development, interpretation, and historical context of the scriptures. As a lay Catholic, learn how to prayerfully read the word of God on your own!</p>	<p><b>4-07 Practicing Catholic, Practicing Professional</b>  <i>Dcn. Ricardo Burgos, M.D.</i>                  Explore ways Catholic professionals can respond to issues that are not in line with our faith (ie. abortion, gay marriage, etc.). Carry out your profession each day guided by the Gospel and the teachings of the Church!</p>
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<p><b>4-04 From Reader to Lector to Proclaimer</b>  <i>Dr. Regina Pfeiffer</i> LEM 111                  To be a lector who proclaims means preparing your heart, head and body. This workshop will invite participants to listen to scripture in preparing the heart, using the head to understand the meaning and developing the body for proclaiming. Become more than a lector; be a proclaimer of God's word for God's Church.</p>	<p><b>4-09 Labyrinth – Path of Prayer</b>  <i>Stephanie Conching</i>                  The labyrinth is a path of prayer that allows the walker an opportunity to contemplate and commune with God. This session will offer a general history of the labyrinth and offer an opportunity to experience this spiritual tool.</p>
<p><b>4-05 Your Keiki are Confirmed! Now What?!</b>  <i>Lisa Gomes</i>                  This workshop helps parish leaders explore ways to more fully involve adolescents in the life of the parish community and how youth ministry can continue to prepare young people for their involvement and much more!</p>	<p><b>4-10 Lessons In Social Media: Christmas in June Part I</b>  <i>Sherry Hayes-Peirce</i>                  During this session you will design a unique Advent Season social media plan for your parish so you can post while Christmas Shopping! NOTE: You must sign up for both Parts I and II</p>

**Saturday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

<p><b>5-01 Meeting JESUS Incarnate, Every Day, in Every Sacrament</b>  <i>Kathy Lee</i> LEM 111                  An introduction to a meaningful celebration of the Sacraments, including insights into why the sacramental life of the faith community is so central to our Catholic identity.</p>	<p><b>5-06 Preparing Your Parish for VIRTUS: A Train the Trainers Session Part II</b>  <i>Tyra Lamb</i>                  Learn the "how to's" of facilitating VIRTUS-based awareness sessions for adults in your parish, while also fulfilling your own Safe Environment training requirements. NOTE that you must sign up for both Parts I and II.</p>
<p><b>5-02 Prayer and Spirituality – How Do You Pray?</b>  <i>Stephanie Conching</i> LEM 108                  Are you packed for your spiritual journey? Got some prayers memorized to take along? Join in a discussion on spiritual life, approaches to prayer, and a look at charisms of various Christian communities (e.g., Franciscan, Benedictine).</p>	<p><b>5-07 Living Out Christianity in the 21st Century</b>  <i>Christopher Malano</i>                  We are made for more than a mediocre existence! Inspired by Gaudete et Exultate, we'll explore the risks, challenges, and opportunities we have to fully live out the Beatitudes in today's world.</p>
<p><b>5-03 What Do You Believe - The Catholic Answer</b>  <i>Anthony Selvanathan</i> LEM 109                  Reflect upon the creed and the articles of faith, their biblical perspectives and what matters so we grow more confident in sharing our most important beliefs.</p>	<p><b>5-08 De-Mystifying the Mystagogia</b>  <i>Sr. Helene Wood, ss.cc.</i> LEM 410                  We all know Mystagogia is critical, but how can we actually do it well? Sr. Helene will share findings from her Master's thesis and help participants develop ideas for their RCIA process.</p>
<p><b>5-04 Effective Parish Evangelization &amp; Catechesis for Millennials &amp; Generation Z</b>  <i>Dallas Carter</i> LEM 222, 224, 226                  A fresh look at evangelization &amp; catechesis in our parishes through 'attractive' technology that truly engages students and immerses them in the life of Christ.</p>	<p><b>5-09 Revelation: The Book of Hope, Not Fear</b>  <i>Dr. Regina Pfeiffer</i>                  Despite the often popular notion that the book of Revelation predicts future catastrophic events, the author's main intention is to offer hope of better times. Explore how the book of Revelation uses symbolic language to inspire hope, not fear.</p>
<p><b>5-05 Original Order: What Worked &amp; Lessons Learned</b>  <i>Julia Torres, Roana Alexander, &amp; Jayne Mondoy</i> LEM 222, 224, 226                  Whether your parish has implemented Original Order or is in its planning phase, this session is for you! Join this lively presentation/conversation on Original Order.</p>	<p><b>5-10 Lessons In Social Media: Christmas in June Part II</b>  <i>Sherry Hayes-Peirce</i>                  During this session you will design a unique Advent Season social media plan for your parish so you can post while Christmas Shopping! NOTE that you must sign up for both Parts I and II</p>

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FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD  
OF CHRIST

## ‘This is my body’ ‘This is my blood’

Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**P**roviding this feast day’s first reading is the Book of Exodus, the story of an event that occurred as the Hebrews were making their way across the Sinai Peninsula, in flight from Egypt and slavery.

To modern ears, the story may sound gruesome, giving the details as it does of the ritual sacrifice of a young bull. It was a long time ago, when the ritual slaying and sacrificing of animals were common.

For ancient Jewish religious ceremonies, these sacrifices had a message, the core of which is good even now to consider.

For example, the ceremony in this case required that the blood be sprinkled on the people. This gesture showed the thinking that life itself resided in a creature’s blood. It is not difficult to understand how this notion originally arose. The ancient peoples had a very limited knowledge of physiology, but they knew if the blood stopped flowing, the creature died; if enough blood escaped from the body due to hemorrhage, then death followed.

Offering the bull to acknowledge God’s majesty made the bull holy. Its blood therefore was holy, and because of the sacrifice the blood somehow was touched by God’s own life. By sprinkling this blood on the people, they in turn were touched by God in a special way.

From the earliest stages of Revelation, God used processes and materials that people understood and could access to assist them in expressing themselves in their religious faith.

The Epistle to the Hebrews is one of the New Testament’s most eloquent sources for knowledge about the person, and the mission, of the Lord. This feast’s selection is no exception.

This particular reading stresses that Jesus is the perfect victim of sacrifice as well as the great high priest. The sacrifice of bulls is no longer necessary. In its place is the sublime offering of the innocent Lamb of God, Jesus the Lord.

The three Synoptic Gospels report the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist by giving the actual words used by Jesus, “This is my body,” “This is my blood.”

In this feast day’s case, the reading is from Mark’s Gospel. Before mentioning the meal itself, the Gospel says that Jesus sent two disciples into the city. He told them that they would see a man carrying a water jar. They should follow this man. The man will go to a house, Jesus said, whose owner the disciples should encounter and ask for a room in which the Lord and the disciples could gather to eat the Passover meal.

An interesting passage, it reveals that the Last Supper, and all that happened at the Last Supper, were utterly within the plan of God. It was no ordinary meal. God prepared it to provide the means of human beings to unite with Jesus.

### Reflection

Biblical scholars long have studied the words, “This is my body,” “This is my blood.” Many Protestant scholars regard them as symbolic. Catholic scholars see them as literal. Interpreting them literally was the way the early Church looked upon the words. Seeing them as merely symbolic came much later.

So, history is on the side of the Catholic interpretation, and the early Christians were not far removed from the Last Supper itself.

The words are brief, direct, and clear. Read them as they appear, as they were understood by the first followers of Christ. The bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.

The holy body and blood actually become part of the person who consumes them, just as the body absorbs any nourishment. The person who partakes in the Eucharist takes Christ into his being, body and soul.

Christ is God. Holy Communion literally unites us with God.

# Catechesis



Father Kenneth  
Doyle  
QUESTION CORNER

## Does ill woman have to go to Mass?

**Q** An elderly woman in our parish has terminal lung cancer. I have seen her condition deteriorate over the last two months. She is no longer driving, is very weak and is now on oxygen full time. I had been helping her to get to church, and the other day she told me that she “goes back and forth” over whether she is still required to attend Sunday Mass.

**Out of sympathy, I responded that I thought it would be OK if she did not attend. But now I worry that I may have said the wrong thing. Did I? (City and state withheld)**

**A** Relax. You gave her the right advice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: “The faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants)” (No. 2181).

Note that the catechism does not define the gravity of the illness that would excuse, leaving room instead for the person to make the judgment. If the illness were contagious, or if — as, it would seem, in this case — the burdensome condition would preclude a prayerful experience, a person need not (indeed, should not) go to church and would be better off praying at home.

Your friend, though, might feel added comfort if she heard this

same advice from a priest. Why not call your pastor and let him know about the woman’s situation? He might want to call and assure her that she is not obliged to attend Mass. Even more important, he can visit her, bringing her holy Communion and, perhaps, the anointing of the sick.

### Will my son’s marriage be valid?

**Q** My son was born and raised Catholic, attended Catholic school and received all of his sacraments. Now he is about to marry a very nice Protestant woman. Her cousin is a Protestant minister, and he has been asked to perform the wedding ceremony. I remember that you had recommended that a member of the Catholic clergy also be involved in such a ceremony.

**The uncle of their best man happens to be a priest, and my wife and I tried to encourage our son to have that priest participate in the wedding, but unfortunately they said no. What are the long-term ramifications of this? Will their marriage be recognized by the Catholic Church as valid? And if one day they should decide to raise their children Catholic and have them receive the sacraments, will they run into any trouble? (Virginia)**

**A** A Catholic priest need not be present at a mixed marriage

ceremony in order to have it be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

However, your son and his fiancée — some time prior to the wedding — would need to meet with a Catholic priest to obtain from the diocese the necessary permissions: a) for the marriage to take place in a setting other than a Catholic church; and b) for the officiant to be someone other than a Catholic priest or deacon.

Even if the couple does not choose to do this (the result being that their marriage is not recognized by the church), that does not preclude them from having a child baptized in the Catholic faith — provided, of course, that they intend to raise the child Catholic. (In the words of Canon 868.1.2 of the church’s Code of Canon Law, “there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion.”)

Pope Francis in 2009, while still a cardinal in Argentina, was reported to have told an Italian news magazine that “the child has absolutely no responsibility for the state of the parents’ marriage. And often a baptism can be a new start for the parents as well.”

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## The Beatitudes

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**



Cameroonian refugees and Nigerians wait for consultations outside a health post April 13 in the Nigerian village of Ekang. Caritas Internationalis reported the conflict in Cameroon has forced 160,000 people out of their homes into the bush and a further 26,000 to cross into Nigeria.





Father Ron Rolheiser

## Moral outrage

**M**oral outrage is the antithesis of morality. Yet it's everywhere present in our world today and is everywhere rationalized on the basis of God and truth.

We live in a world awash in moral outrage. Everywhere individuals and groups are indignant and morally outraged, sometimes violently so, by opposing individuals, groups, ideologies, moral positions, ecclesiologies, interpretations of religion, interpretations of Scripture, and the like. We see this everywhere, television networks outraged at the news coverage of other networks, church groups bitterly demonizing each other, pro-life and pro-choice groups angrily shouting at each other, and politics at its highest levels paralyzed as different sides feel so morally indignant that they are unwilling to contemplate any accommodation whatever with what opposes them.

And always, on both sides, there's the righteous appeal to morality and divine authority (however explicit or implicit) in a way that, in essence, says: "I have a right to demonize you and to shut my ears to anything you have to say because you're wrong and immoral and I, in the name of God and truth, am standing up to you. Moreover, you're immorality gives me the legitimate right to bracket the essentials of human respect and treat you as a pariah to be eliminated — in the name of God and of truth."

And this kind of attitude doesn't just make for the angry divisions, bitter polarizations and the deep distrust we live with today within our society, it's also what produces terrorists, mass shootings, and the ugliest bigotry and racism. It produced Hitler — someone who was able to capitalize so powerfully on moral outrage that he was able to sway millions of people to turn against what was best inside themselves.

But moral outrage, however much it tries to justify itself on some

lofty basis, religion, morality, patriotism, historical hurt, or personal injustice, remains always the opposite of genuine morality and genuine religious practice? Why? Because genuine morality and religious practice are always characterized by the opposite of what's seen in moral outrage. Genuine morality and genuine religious practice are always marked by empathy, understanding, patience, tolerance, forgiveness, respect, charity and graciousness — all of which are glaringly absent in virtually every expression of moral outrage we see today.

In trying to draw us into a genuine morality and religiosity, Jesus says this: Unless your virtue goes deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. What was the virtue of the scribes and Pharisees? On the surface, theirs was a very high virtue. To be a good scribe or Pharisee meant keeping the Ten Commandments, being faithful to the prescribed religious practices of the time, and being a man or woman who was always just and fair in your dealings with others. So what's lacking in that?

What's missing is that all of these things (keeping the commandments, faithful religious observance, and being fair to others) can be done with a bitter, accusatory, unforgiving heart just as easily (and perhaps even more so) than with a warm, empathic, forgiving heart. Keeping the commandments, going to church, and being a just person can all be done (as is only too clear sometimes) out of moral outrage. To paraphrase Jesus: Anyone can be gracious to those who are gracious to you. Anyone can love those who love you. And anyone can be good to those who do good to you ... but can you be gracious to those

who are bitter toward you? Can you be loving toward those who hate you? And can you forgive those who kill you? That's the litmus test for Christian morality and religious practice — and nowhere inside of anyone who passes this test will you still find the kind of moral outrage where we believe that God and truth are asking us to demonize those who hate us, do us evil, or try to kill us.

Moreover what we do in moral outrage is deny that we are ourselves morally complicit in the very things we demonize and pour our hatred out on. As we watch the world news each day and see the anger, bitter divisions, violence, injustices, intolerance and wars that characterize our world, a deep, honest, courageous scrutiny should make us aware that we cannot fully separate ourselves from those things. We live in a world of long-standing and present injustice, of ever-widening economic inequality, of endemic racism and sexism, of countless people living as victims of plunder and rape in history, of millions of refugees with no place to go, and in a society where various people are branded and ostracized as "losers" and "sickos." Should we be surprised that our society produces terrorists? However sincere and innocent we might personally feel, how we're living helps create the ground the breeds mass killers, terrorists, abortionists and playground bullies. We're not as innocent as we think we are.

Our moral outrage is not an indicator that we are on the side of God and truth. More often than not, it suggests the opposite.

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Brett Robinson  
THE THEOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY

## Yanny vs. laurel

**O**ur senses often deceive us. The recent "yanny vs. laurel" debate on the internet saw those who heard the word "laurel" arguing with those who heard the word "yanny" when listening to a vocabulary.com recording of the word "laurel."

Very reasonable people had rather intense disagreements about what they were hearing. (I heard "laurel" and my son heard "yanny." We simply had to agree to disagree.)

It may seem like a trivial dispute, but like most things that garner so much cultural attention, something deeper was at work. Yanny vs. laurel is about how our senses can be tricked by subtle changes in acoustic frequencies, but it is also about how we have a strong desire to know what is true.

And we will try to persuade others even though they are incapable of hearing what we are hearing because of the way they happen to process the signal.

The same might be said of our faith. The line between belief and doubt is often a matter of proper interpretation. Was Christ just a moral teacher who wanted us to be kinder to each other or was he also the Son of God, willing to suffer death to atone for our sins? If we believe the latter, how do we come to know it? And why do others fail to believe it? Our interpretive ability comes from the gift of divine grace that shapes our perception and illuminates our understanding.

Perception is shaped first by the senses. St. Paul tells us that faith comes by hearing. Our Lord said, "Whoever has ears ought to hear," following the parable of the sower in the Gospel of Matthew. In both cases, hearing is given a special place.

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Why is this? Was it simply a technological limitation of the time because nearly all communication was oral? Or is there something peculiar about hearing that makes it a privileged sense for perceiving faith?

The church's newest feast, that of Mary, Mother of the Church, provides a clue. How is it that Mary received Christ into her womb? By hearing the word of God and assenting to it. As then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger explained, "Mary welcomes the Holy Spirit into herself. Having become pure hearing, she receives the Word so totally that it becomes flesh in her."

Stephen Beale writes about this as well and points out that it is the liturgy where the fullness of hearing is experienced. We hear God's word, but we also receive him bodily under the species of bread and wine. And it doesn't stop there. We are transformed by this communion, attuned to God's grace and prepared to exercise our theological senses of faith, hope and charity in the world by proclaiming the Gospel.

All of our senses are engaged in the Mass, but hearing is first. The Liturgy of the Word precedes the Liturgy of the Eucharist because our hearts must be tuned to God's frequency before we receive him in the Eucharist. The external senses must give way to something internal — where real conversion takes place.

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## Scott Bush, diocesan priest

**VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING**

# Father, my life is in your hands

Interviewed by Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP  
*Hawaii Catholic Herald*

I am a second career vocation. The phrase in the Gospel says it all. When Jesus tells Peter, “When you were young you could do whatever you wanted, but there will come a time when your hands will be tied. Tied, and you will have to follow.”

I always remember that. Because I was a person who could handle anything. And I was proud of that. I could take on anything; I could do it. And I did it, and I succeeded. But then there also came a time when I couldn’t. And I went into a depression. What is this all about? To lose your ability to succeed and to achieve? It was a blow to me. And in the depths of my depression, I found God. He lifted me up. That was before I became a priest.

I was away from the church for over 20 years, because I could do everything and did not need God. But when I was at a loss, God found me. It profoundly changed my life. I decided to give my life over to the Lord. I asked the Lord if he was asking me to become a priest. He said, “I am not asking you, I am telling you.” I said, “I am 36 years old. I lived a bad life.” But I felt called to the priesthood and they accepted me.”

Then I felt, as a pastor, I was the one who could change parishes around. I was a go-getter. But then my health began failing more and more and more. Each time, I said, “Father, I place my life in your hands. You have always been good to me. I trust in you. It doesn’t seem too joyful now, but I know you will always lead me in the right direction, and always have.”

The people I was working with in the parish, they loved me. And, I felt loved and uplifted as I never felt before. It was hard to find I could no longer be a pastor anymore, as I couldn’t handle the day-to-day burden. Then I became a parochial vicar. That was different. Finally, I wasn’t even able to be a parochial vicar. I had to retire from that. It was a big adjustment. My prayer was, “Father, I place my life in your hands.” The prayer of Jesus. It became a source of serenity and peace. All is good, because God is here. And I am in God and God is with me. And I am at peace. I live life day-to-day as a precious gift, and I thank God for everything I have.

When I was at my neediest point, I felt like I was in a pit and I felt a rushing of wind that lifted me up, that embraced me and said, “It is all right, it is all right, it is all right.” And I rediscovered God in a most powerful way. That always stays with me.

What keeps me going? I want to tell the story. God is not just Father, he is Abba. He is Papa. He loves you, he dotes on you. When we have youth retreats and we come to confession, a lot of teenage boys come to me. I tell them to ask God, “God, let me see myself as you see me. God, help me to really experience the depths of your love.” You are the apple of God’s eye. I see them cry when they realize that. Some may have only experienced being put down, or told they are no good. But just to know God loves them as they are, blows them away. And that is what it is all about.

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Elise Italiano  
**IN LIGHT OF FAITH**

# Lessons from two soon-to-be saints

I was thrilled to see the announcement that Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero during the upcoming synod on “Young people, the faith and vocational discernment,” and I was even more elated that their canonizations will take place on the same day.

I read Pope Francis’ choice for this timing as a subtle signal that it’s time to turn the page on the tired division between “pro-life” and “social justice” Catholicism. Millennial Catholics intuitively grasp the integrity of the church’s sexual, social and sacramental teachings. Perhaps, then, this dual canonization is more for established Catholic leaders still caught up in culture wars than for emerging leaders engaged in missionary activity.

Both of these men played critical roles in my own understanding of the unity and harmony of the faith. It was in an undergraduate course on Catholic bioethics that I first encountered Pope Paul VI’s encyclical “*Humanae Vitae*.” Before then I had an oversimplified understanding of the church’s sexual teaching, which essentially boiled down to: “Don’t have sex before marriage or outside of it.”

The stunning revelation of what marriage and sexual love could be made it across my desk during the critical period of emerging adulthood when I was solidifying my identity, values and commitments. In it, I found what was lacking in the women’s studies course I was taking at the same time — an ap-

preciation of women as women and a rich understanding of the complementarity of the sexes.

Pope Paul VI’s prophetic teaching on openness to life and responsible parenthood, expounded upon by St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, shaped a generation. It molded our commitment to creating a culture that welcomes life. And for me and many of my female peers, it formed our commitment to a pro-life feminism.

Of Pope Paul VI, Pope Francis has said, “Before the advent of a secularized and hostile society, he could hold fast, with farsightedness and wisdom — and at times alone — to the helm of the barque of Peter, while never losing his joy and his trust in the Lord.”

Likewise, Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador played a significant role in shaping my generation’s commitment to Catholic social teaching and the preferential option for the poor. I can think of no shortage of peers who engaged in long-term service at home and abroad, who saw Archbishop Romero as their hero in working to alleviate human rights abuses and social injustices.

On a service immersion trip to Guatemala during graduate school, I got a firsthand look at the oppression of an indigenous population and the devastating poverty in which some are forced to live. In a little village several hours outside of Flores, I encountered men, women and children who lived in homes with thatched roofs and mud floors, who had hammocks for beds.

The people of the village survived the genocide of the Mayan people that peaked between 1981-1983. Because of persistent discrimination, the government officials withheld clean water, sewer systems and electricity. The children I met were severely malnourished. Many would die of preventable bacterial infections from bathing alongside of wild pigs and dogs.

And yet they celebrated Mass with more joy than I have ever seen. That experience made me think of Archbishop Romero’s comment that “the most profound social revolution is the serious, supernatural, interior reform of a Christian.”

And that’s the point. Conforming one’s life to the church’s teachings should not signal what “type” of Catholic you are. It should make you a saint. Maybe the canonization of these men will help to move our church beyond tired divisions to a radiant, integral witness. That would be a fitting miracle for them to share.

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John Garvey  
**INTELLECT AND VIRTUE**

# What’s so funny?

Our youngest daughter is living at home while her husband finishes his medical residency. One of the many blessings of this old-fashioned arrangement (several generations under one roof) is that we have two babies to pass around. The youngest is just 5 months old. She doesn’t have much to say yet, but she has quite a good sense of humor. If you smile at her, she will smile back, and she means it.

I am reminded of her aunt, our third child. When she was 10 months old, she had a great belly laugh. I would tickle her just to get her going, and then call my parents on the phone so they could join in the mirth.

There’s something really interesting going on here. When we hear this sort of laughter, we aren’t just pleased that our babies have taken a developmental step, as we might be if one rolled over or ate her beans. When we get the 5-month-old to smile, when the 10-month-old makes us laugh, we are doing something together. Laughter is a social practice that even infants incapable of speech can share with us, and they really seem to enjoy doing it. It’s not just that, either. Laughter

is infectious. When your 10-month-old is stacking blocks, you might or might not care to participate. When she laughs uncontrollably, you can’t help joining in.

Why is that? A neurophysiologist might say it’s because social laughter causes the release of endogenous opioids in specific brain regions, and these endorphins are what make us laugh. An internist might say laughing reduces the level of certain stress hormones and stimulates your cardiovascular system, so it’s a good way for the body to take care of itself. An anthropologist might say we laugh when others do because it helps us form bonds that link us together in a social network.

But these observations, even if true, leave us wanting some further explanation. Why does hearing a baby laugh trigger the release of endorphins? What is the evolutionary advantage to me in forming a social network with a 10-month-old?

Perhaps, if we dig all the way down, we will find a deeper but simpler truth. Think about the most fundamental human urges — hunger, thirst, sex, the drive to succeed. They all have three things in common. First, they arise in us unbidden.

Second, we take great pleasure from satisfying them. And third, they are connected to the very stuff of life. If we don’t satisfy them, we (and the human race) will waste away. At bottom, we are strings that vibrate in harmony with being.

Maybe laughter is like these things. The impulse is certainly hard to resist. (In fact, there is evidence that you might have problems if you don’t find it contagious.) And there is no greater joy in life than uncontrolled laughter. Perhaps the joy that laughter celebrates, like the other things we naturally yearn for, is intrinsic to the nature of things.

After all, God has a sense of humor. He inspired the writers of the Bible to include a few famous jokes, from the mouths (for example) of the prophet Elijah and the man born blind in the ninth chapter of John.

God made us in his image and likeness, and humor subsequently became an important part of every human culture on earth. Our laughing granddaughter is only the most immediate reminder of the joy we are meant for.

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Saints

Blessed  
Pope John  
XXIII  
1881-1963  
June 3



Ordained a priest in Italy in 1904, Angelo Roncalli was a medic and chaplain in World War I. He served as a Vatican diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey and France before being named a cardinal and patriarch of Venice in 1953. Elected pope in 1958, he convened the Second Vatican Council and issued the famous encyclical "Pacem in Terris" just months before his death from stomach cancer. In the book "Last Words," Pope John is quoted as saying to family members by his deathbed, "Do you remember how I never thought of anything else in life but being a priest?"

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# Diversions



## Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

Dear Herald devotees, now that Memorial Day has passed and we are in the summer season, it's time to pull out those bifocal sunglasses of yours (all the cool kids are doing it) while pouring over our ever-entertaining quiz.

### 1. CHURCH IN HAWAII

Before entering the seminary, recently ordained diocesan priest William M. "Pila" Tulua had been all of the following except which:

- a. Tour bus driver
- b. Medical assistant
- c. Fast food manager
- d. Religious brother

### 2. CURRENT EVENTS

Jesuit philosopher and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin got a prominent mention at what recent event?

- a. The annual meeting of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences

- b. Primary election speeches in Kentucky
- c. A worldwide gathering of Society of Jesus provincials
- d. The royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

### 3. MORE CHURCH IN HAWAII

Which 90-year-old Oahu Catholic school closed down on June 1 due to declining enrollment?

- a. St. Anthony School in Kalihi
- b. St. John Vianney in Kailua
- c. St. George in Waimanalo
- d. St. Michael in Waialua

### 4. SAINTS

June 9 is the feast day of St. Ephrem. What country was this saint from?

- a. Israel
- b. Egypt
- c. Russia
- d. Syria

### 5. CURRENT EVENTS

On June 29, Pope Francis will create 14 cardinals. The cardinals hail from all of these countries except which?

- a. Madagascar
- b. U.S.
- c. Pakistan
- d. Japan

### 6. POPE

Pope Francis made headlines recently after reports came out about statements he allegedly made in a private meeting with Chilean abuse survivors. What were his remarks reportedly about?

- a. Chile's bishops
- b. The Vatican bank
- c. Homosexuality
- d. Papal infallibility

### 7. SCRIPTURES

The June 3 Gospel reading about the Last Supper is from what book of the Bible?

- a. Matthew
- b. Mark
- c. Luke
- d. John

Answers: 1, c; 2, d; 3, a; 4, d; 5, b; 6, c; 7, b

## Movie review

**Solo: A Star Wars Story**  
(Disney)

The origins and early adventures of future freebooter Han Solo (Alden Ehrenreich) are explored in this pleasing but insubstantial addition to the blockbuster franchise.

Indebted to one of the villainous chiefs (Paul Bettany) of the intergalactic crime syndicate that has ensnared his childhood sweetheart (Emilia Clarke), the skilled but

boastful pilot joins with a cynical thief (Woody Harrelson) and the apelike creature (Joonas Suotamo) destined to become his sidekick and first mate, both of whom are also beholden to the gangster, in an against-the-odds scheme to purloin a stock of valuable fuel.

Working from a script by the father-and-son team of Lawrence and Jonathan Kasdan, director Ron Howard serves up action aplenty and some engaging plot twists while Ehrenreich exudes cheeky charisma. But depth of character is

lacking. In keeping with his later persona, as portrayed by Harrison Ford, Solo's rough-and-ready approach to property rights is offset by his weakness for a good cause, making this early chapter in his biography possibly acceptable for older teens.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Scripture search®

PAT KASTEN

### Gospel for June 3, 2018

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

UNLEAVENED	BREAD	PASSOVER
LAMB	CITY	CARRYING
WATER	FOLLOW HIM	GUEST ROOM
FURNISHED	READY	PREPARED
GAVE IT	A CUP	THANKS
DRANK	MY BLOOD	COVENANT
FOR MANY	VINE	DRINK IT

### LAST PASSOVER

K F A M I H W O L L O F  
P U C A T N A N E V O C  
N R N A T I K N I R D A  
C N A L A M B J M M R R  
P I K W E B R A K E A R  
A S T T H A N K S D N Y  
S H R Y H Y V I N E K I  
S E E D Y T I E V A G N  
O D T D A E R B N F G G  
V A A M O O R T S E U G  
E E W X M Y B L O O D E  
R P R E P A R E D A L L

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## Catholic crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 14 of the 27 books of the New Testament are traditionally attributed to him
- 5 The Church is the \_\_\_ of Christ
- 10 John Paul II's "On Human \_\_\_"
- 14 Femme's pronoun
- 15 Spiritual program
- 16 "Are you \_\_\_ out?"
- 17 City in central Texas
- 18 Eleve's place
- 19 18-wheeler
- 20 Type of gun
- 21 \_\_\_ vidi, vici
- 23 Parisian possessive
- 24 Wiped out
- 26 Squeal
- 28 Prayer petitioning God to send the Holy Spirit
- 33 Legend
- 37 Arrange in sequence
- 38 Rubberneck
- 39 Catholic actor Martin \_\_\_
- 41 Grease
- 42 The Archdiocese of Toronto is here
- 44 Compound tissue in vascular plants
- 45 Cut up

- 47 North American deer
- 48 Detestable
- 53 "There is neither \_\_\_ nor Greek" (Gal 3:28)
- 56 Element of Eucharist
- 58 Former overseer of the VOA
- 60 Frequent Mayberry jail occupant
- 62 Office held by the Bishop of Rome
- 63 Pulls
- 64 It leads to a deal
- 65 \_\_\_ Gay
- 66 Sea eagles
- 67 Apollo creator
- 68 President Roosevelt, familiarly
- 69 Peasant

### Answer to previous puzzle



### DOWN

- 1 Church benches
- 2 Winged
- 3 Sore
- 4 Hotelier Helmsley
- 5 Papal letter signed by the Pope's secretary and sealed with the Pope's ring
- 6 Withdraw
- 7 A party to
- 8 Sandwich shop
- 9 Biblical animal
- 10 Book attributed to Solomon (abbr.)
- 11 Singles
- 12 The pope is the bishop of this city
- 13 \_\_\_ Kringle
- 22 Monastery chamber
- 25 Jurisdiction of a bishop
- 26 Bus. school course
- 27 Catholic Oscar-winning actress and princess
- 29 Skier's bane
- 30 Son of Kish

- 31 "How hard can \_\_\_?"
- 32 Appear
- 33 Nourishment
- 34 Hindu goddess of fire
- 35 8D orders (abbr.)
- 36 Contract
- 39 The Works of Mercy require us to visit them
- 40 Having a high temperature
- 43 Depend
- 44 Number of apostles, in Roman numerals
- 46 Catholic dancer
- and actor O'Connor
- 49 Postpone
- 50 External
- 51 Exorbitant rate of interest
- 52 Third of IHS
- 53 Saint from Domremy
- 54 Italian spewer
- 55 At \_\_\_ end
- 56 Decline
- 57 High-tech item
- 59 \_\_\_ D.A.
- 61 Jonah was thrown into this
- 62 Classroom goody-goody

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