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Back to school



Back-to-school scenes from St. John Vianney School in Kailua, July 25. Students excitedly start the 2012-2013 school year by greeting friends and making sure they have all their school supplies in tow.

HCH photos by Darlene Dela Cruz





Courthouse prayer protest

A protester holds a rosary and book during a prayer service outside the Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse in Phoenix July 19, the first day of a trial against Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office, which has been accused of racially profiling Hispanics. The lawsuit contends the sheriff's department violated people's civil rights in cracking down on individuals Arpaio and his officers those they believed to be illegal immigrants. The U.S. Justice Department has filed a separate lawsuit against Arpaio.

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Official Notices

Bishop's calendar

- August 3, 2:00 pm, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii Board, Liliha Campus.
- August 4, 11:00 am, Mass for Annual Summer Serra Gathering with Seminarians, Holy Family Parish, Honolulu; 4:00 pm, Fundraiser Gala for Mother Marianne's Canonization, Hawaii Convention Center, Waikiki.

- August 5, 9:00 am, Mass for the 50th Anniversary of St. John Vianney Parish, Kailua; 4:15 pm, Blessing of new rectory and Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Ewa Beach.

- August 7, 1:00 pm, Year of Faith Committee, Kamiano Center, downtown Honolulu.

- August 10, 9:00 am, Opening Mass of the School Year, St. Francis School, Manoa. [Fr. Gary Secor]

- August 14, 12:00 pm, Hawaii Pastors Roundtable Board, First Hawaiian Center, downtown Honolulu. [Fr. Gary Secor]

Announcements/Appointments

- The Bishop has appointed Fr. William Petrie, ss.cc. to the Father Damien/Mother Marianne Commission, effective immediately.

- The Bishop has appointed Fr.

Pascual Abaya as the Chaplain to the Catholic Committee on Scouting, effective August 1, 2012.

- The diocesan offices will be closed on Friday, August 17, 2012 in observance of Admissions Day.

- Bishop Silva will be away on vacation from August 8 through August 17. Father Gary Secor, Vicar General, will be in charge in his absence.

Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST



50 years ago – Aug. 3, 1962

Dr. Ignatius Tsao, formerly of Hsueh, China, arrived in Honolulu last week to join the Chaminade College faculty as visiting instructor in sociology, history and political science. Dr. Tsao has studied for the past seven years in the foremost European universities, including the universities of Toulouse, France; Madrid, Spain; and Fribourg, Switzerland. He was greeted by Bro. Harold Hammond, S.M., dean of the college (right) and Bro. Henry Honnert, S.M., instructor in mathematics.

CORRECTIONS

Here are corrections to the primary election candidate survey published in the last Hawaii Catholic Herald.

The answers by candidate for U.S. Senate Heath Beasley were submitted in time but inadvertently left out. Here are his answers:

1. Would you vote to continue the current policy that prevents federal taxpayer funds to pay for abortions, except in the case of rape, incest or when the pregnancy threatens the woman's life? YES
2. Would you vote in support of the DREAM Act? YES
3. Would you vote in favor of comprehensive immigration reform that will protect our borders while providing a just path toward citizenship for undocumented immigrants? YES

4. Would you vote to provide funding for the national Housing Trust Fund to create more affordable housing? YES

5. Would you vote for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution defining marriage as a union of one man and one woman? YES

6. Would you vote to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)? NO

7. Would you vote for the Akaka bill as drafted today? YES

8. Would you vote to restore the U.S. government's International Poverty Focused Development and Humanitarian Accounts that aids impoverished countries to at least their 2010 levels of \$20 billion (approximately 0.6% of federal spending)? NO
9. Would you vote for federal

deficit reduction efforts that would reduce assistance to poor and vulnerable citizens? NO

State House District 43 candidate Tercia Ku had mistakenly submitted answers to questions for candidates for U.S. Congress instead of for the state Senate and House. Here are her corrected answers:

1. Would you vote to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Hawaii? NO

2. Would you vote to legalize any form of gambling in Hawaii? UNDECIDED

3. Would you vote to increase state funding for affordable rental units in Hawaii? YES

4. Would you vote to include a conscience exemption in laws requiring all Hawaii hospitals to provide abortifacient medication to

25 years ago – Aug. 7, 1987

Diocese organizes agency to manage a troubled Maililand

A nonprofit agency put together by the diocese has taken over the management of the Maili temporary housing project whose two-year history has been plagued by bad conduct among its tenants and unfulfilled promises to them, according to Rollie Smith, director of the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry.

Aina Ku Pa'a O Maili, an agency incorporated last month by Smith, Fr. Clarence Liu, Vicar General, and Fr. Raymond Nishigaya, pastor of St. Stephen Church, Honolulu, was named yesterday as the managing agent of Maili Kuu Home, the nonprofit organization which holds the master lease on the Maili project from the City and County of Honolulu.

10 years ago – Aug. 2, 2002

School will be cool for Maryknoll students

When Maryknoll Grade School students return to their classrooms in August, they'll notice an improvement. Cool!

The school will soon finish a two-part construction project – gutting and rebuilding one of its two campus buildings and installing an underground “off-peak energy” air conditioning unit for the entire campus.

The \$5 million project has kept the parking lot, shared with Sacred Heart Parish church, teeming with bulldozers, workmen and piles of steel and equipment for most of the summer.

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OBITUARY

Art historian Don Aanavi served as a Big Island deacon for 17 years

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Deacon Don Aanavi of Ninole on the Big Island, whose Jewish heritage enriched the popular Bible classes he taught for years at St. Joseph Parish, Hilo, died on July 22 in Hilo. He was 72 and a deacon of the Diocese of Honolulu for 17 years.

Visitation will be at St. Joseph Church, 8-10 a.m., Aug. 14, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

Born in New York City on Sept. 17, 1939, he arrived in Hawaii in 1970. He earned a master's degree from the East West Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a doctorate with distinction from Columbia University.

He organized exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. He was also curator of the Lawrence Rockefeller Collection of Asian and Pacific Art at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, and was the author of "The Art of Mauna Kea," published in 1990 by the East West Center Press.

Raised as an Orthodox Jew, Aanavi was baptized a Catholic in 1986.

Aanavi had been retired after a long tenure as professor of art at University of Hawaii at Hilo. He was also an affiliate professor in religious studies, teaching courses in Islamic, Buddhist and Christian culture through the history of art. As a deacon, he also served at the university as a campus minister.



Deacon Don Aanavi

HCH file photo

"My mission is to educate people on the Catholic religion, reach out and be there for those who want to get involved with the church and help individuals find the spiritual fellowship they may need, if even of another denomination," he said in a 1996 interview of his campus ministry work.

Aanavi was ordained on July 28, 1995, at St. James Mission in Ooakala. He was one of eight members of the diocese's fourth class of deacons ordained that year. Of this class, none remains in active service in the diocese. The rest are retired, have moved or have died.

After the diocese in the 1990s de-commissioned the church he had been ordained in, Aanavi bought it and made it his home.

According to his friend Cecil Farin of St. Joseph Parish, Hilo, he renovated part of the interior of the church, adding a kitchen, living room, cabinets and more windows.

"However, part of the original church is still recognizable, such as the back wall of the sanctuary," he said. "The steeple is still part of the exterior. It was his residence up to his passing."

As a deacon, Aanavi was first assigned to St. Anthony Parish in Paapaaloa and then St. Joseph Church. He was also active with the Hawaii Island Social Ministry and the diocese's Servant Leadership Education Program and was a faculty member for the annual diocesan Catechetical and Pastoral Institute.

According to Farin, Deacon Aanavi taught Scripture at the parish up until about 12 months ago when illness prevented him from continuing.

"He was well loved by his Bible study class," Farin said.

Farin and his wife Thelma were close to the late deacon.

"He was a very easy person to get along with," said Cecil Farin, who serves as a master of ceremonies for the bishop's Big Island liturgies.

"He was very warm, pleasant and a very intelligent person," he said. "Our family really enjoyed his company."

He said that because Aanavi was Jewish, his Bible students gained from his knowledge of the Old Testament.

Deacon Aanavi is survived by his son Michael Aanavi of Mill Valley, California. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Hilo.

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ROAD MAP PRIORITIES

Faith formation gathers, instructs and sends forth

For more than five years, the diocesan faith formation conferences have been providing rich opportunities for people across the diocese to quench their thirst for knowledge, to deepen their faith and to meet new faces and greet old friends.

Thanks to an \$18,150 Grateful Hearts Campaign grant, said Jayne Mondoy, director of the Office of Religious Education, the 2011-12 conference series offered approximately 80 courses, filling over 1,000 seats, covering the major islands.

Participants were from all cultures and walks of life and ranged from approximately 6 to 90 years of age. More than 50 outstanding facilitators shared their knowledge and expertise with attendees.

While formation opportunities are available at the parish and school level, the diocesan conferences provide an opportunity to learn and worship as an island-wide community.

"They appeal to those with a tug in their heart to re-connect to our Christian faith as brothers and sisters in Christ," Mondoy said. "It is a celebration of our faith and an opportunity to deepen our communion with Christ through the presence, insights, wisdom and support of our facilitators and each other."

Mondoy said the faith formation conferences are intended to be educational experiences where participants learn to think critically and be inspired toward action.

She said the conferences accomplish this by offering thoughtfully designed educational, intellectual, spiritual and social experiences to the public at large, and particularly to those who will share and promote this mission.

The topics for each course offered in the conference are thoughtful choreographed by Mondoy and the religious education advisory team. Topics both accommodate participant requests and fill timely needs in the community. They also take advantage of available facilitators.

"Facilitators are invited who have proven to be outstanding presenters, knowledgeable in their subject matter and in the correct theology of the church," Mondoy said.

The 2011 theme, "Celebrate Family, Celebrate Life," furthered Pope Benedict XVI's "Year of the Family." The courses included: "Together in Prayer — Learning to Love the Liturgy of the Hours," "Sacrament of Baptism: 'Dying with Christ; Rising with Him,'" "Peace Education," "Engaging Youth in Liturgy," "Hi God! A

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Campaign spending

- **Activity:** faith formation conferences
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- **Road Map priority:** Faith formation
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Children's Faith Formation Experience," "Becoming a Youth-Friendly Parish" and "Peace and Justice for Families."

This year, beginning with the March Big Island Conference, the theme is "Christ, Our Light" inspired by "Lumen Gentium," the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church." The theme is aligned with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Oct. 11, to prepare attendees for the Year of Faith, which begins on that date. The Latin "lumen gentium" mean "light to the nations."

"The church should be the light of Christ to the world around us," Mondoy said.

"The annual faith formation conferences bring people throughout the diocese together in a unique way. Clusters (or families) of teachers and leaders from each school and parish; priests, brothers and sisters from many religious orders; professional educators from various backgrounds and institutions; volunteers and staff workers, all come together to share and be enriched by the teachings and values of our faith. The goal of this "coming together" is to take this "vision" with us out into the world."

This year's Oahu conference was held at St. Joseph Parish and School in Waipahu. "The support of the staff and volunteers was extraordinary," Mondoy said.

"The school principal was 100 percent present and supervising approximately 48 student volunteers, from fourth through eighth grades, all dressed in uniform, all of whom were student leaders serving on the student council, in the student choir, et cetera. The St. Joseph youth ministry volunteers and their directors were also 100 percent present and took on important and significant responsibilities to accomplish the success of the conference."

In the final days of registration an email reminder was sent to past years' participants. This simple gesture brought in approximately 200 registrations.

According to Mondoy, the project accomplished what it set out to do by sending people forth — inspired and educated by thoughtful, intelligent, provoking and loving ideas, presented by some of the most qualified educators in Hawaii — into the world to make significant contributions to a much needed transformation of our society.

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MOTHER MARIANNE'S NEW YORK-HAWAII LINK



Hospitals: Utica, Syracuse, Kakaako, Wailuku

Hawaii likes to claim Blessed Marianne Cope, who will to be canonized on Oct. 21, as its own, but in reality, her life spanned two homes and two careers in healthcare. She spent the first 45 years of her life in Syracuse, N.Y., and her last 35 in Hawaii. Island-born Dominican Sister Malia Dominica Wong recently visited Syracuse and brought back observations of the New York side of Mother Marianne for a series of comparisons.

By Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
Special to the Herald

"M-y-c-o-b-a-c- ..." It was a new vocabulary that spun in Mother Marianne Cope's mind, nothing at all like the visions of sugar plums dancing in her former elementary students' heads. No, the medical terminologies she would learn in her latest role of establishing and supervising hospitals probably included the graphic, "Mycobacterium leprae," the newly-discovered bacillus that causes "Hansen's disease."

After 1865, in the wake of the war for the preservation of the Union, many people in upstate New York were left sick and destitute. In 1868, Mother Marianne, now six years in the convent, was sent to her hometown of Utica, N.Y., to help establish what is known today as St. Elizabeth Medical Center (picture on the left). St. Elizabeth was one of the first hospitals in the United States to open its doors to the disabled and indigent without distinction as to a person's creed, nationality or color. Two years later, this distinction was made official in a New York State charter during her administration of St. Joseph Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y.

Mother Marianne landed in Hawaii in 1883 in re-

sponse to the invitation of King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani to care for the leprosy patients in Kakaako Branch Hospital in Honolulu. Quickly, chaulmoogra oil was added to her vocabulary of medical remedies. In 1884, the Hawaiian government asked her to open Maui's first general hospital, leading to the establishment of Malulani Hospital in Wailuku (picture on right). It is now known as Maui Memorial Medical Center.

Opening hospitals was never an easy task. Besides caring for the sick, in Syracuse the sisters went to the streets soliciting alms and supplies. In Hawaii, Mother Marianne and her companion sisters rolled up their sleeves and took to scrubbing down the unkempt Kakaako facility to rid it of flies, caked-on filth and blood-stains. They made it shine. One of the characteristics Mother Marianne demanded in her hospitals was cleanliness.

After Mother Marianne died, other needs in the Islands led to the sisters opening St. Francis Hospital in Honolulu (1927-2007), St. Francis School of Nursing (1929-1965), and St. Francis Medical Center West (1990-2007). Today the sisters continue to provide excellent healthcare in a host of services and programs they sponsor.

Trivia question: How many years did Mother Marianne spend caring for those with Hansen's disease in Hawaii? (Answer: 35 years)

Quote: "What little good we can do in this world to help and comfort the suffering, we wish to do it quickly, and so far as possible, unnoticed and unknown." —Blessed Marianne Cope

Next issue: Two hospices

Hawaii sister given national leadership position in Franciscan congregation

Hawaii's Sister Agnelle Ching was elected assistant general minister of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, the second highest leadership position, at the congregation's 2012 chapter, or general meeting, July 7-15, in Pittsburgh.

Sister Roberta Smith from Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. was chosen to be general minister.

Four newly named councilors round out the leadership team. They are Sister Mary Jo Mattes from Pittsburgh, Sister Jeanne Weisbeck and Sister Louise Alff from Williamsville, N.Y., and Sister Helen Hofmann from Syracuse, N.Y.

Sister Agnelle is the chief sponsorship officer of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii. On June 4, she received the prestigious Sister Mary Concilia Moran Award for innovative leadership at the 2012 Catholic Health Assembly in Philadelphia, the first from Hawaii to be so honored.

Sister Agnelle has served for 14 years in executive positions with St. Francis Healthcare System and was its chief executive officer from 2005 to 2012. She has been instrumental in developing a 20-year vision for the healthcare system.

She will most likely be moving



Photo courtesy of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities

The new leadership team of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities gather for a photo. From left, they are Sister Jeanne Weisbeck, Sister Mary Jo Mattes, Sister Helen Hofmann, Sister Roberta Smith, Sister Agnelle Ching and Sister Louise Alff.

to Syracuse for the four-year term. The new congregational government will be installed Sept. 22 in Syracuse.

Attending the chapter to pray, discuss and reflect on the community's mission and values were 189 delegates, 20 of whom were from Hawaii. The meeting's theme was "Empowering Our Franciscan Heart."

Priorities and action plans were developed for the four primary topics on the agenda: Franciscan identity, communal life, gover-

nance and ministry.

The sisters also set aside time to enjoy a river cruise, talent show, ice-cream social, prizes, a lion dance and a "Dollars for Missions" fundraiser for their missions in Peru and Kenya.

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities was formed a few years ago with the merger of four independent Franciscan congregations. The community has 488 members serving in 13 U.S. states and territories, and in Peru and Africa.

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Pastoral transitions



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Aloha, Ewa Beach

The Life Teen Group of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Ewa Beach bid aloha to their longtime pastor, Father Scott Bush, at his farewell Mass, June 30. From left, are Nowey Pasion-Callueng, Shaun Agtarap, Tyler Ocreto-Salacup and Alex Song. On July 1, the parish welcomed its new parish administrator, Father Edmundo Barut Jr. Father Bush was assigned to St. George Church in Waimanalo.



Father Victor Hernando, top center, with lay leaders of Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart.

Guidance through the change

By Jo Ann Mosley
Special to the Herald

The lay leaders of the two Catholic churches in Kau on the Big Island, Holy Rosary in Pahala and Sacred Heart in Naalehu, came together July 6 in the Naalehu parish hall under the guidance of their joint interim administrator, Father Victor Hernando.

Father Hernando is on a three-month assignment in Kau while on sabbatical from his busy schedule back in his home Diocese of Laoag, Philippines.

As part of the Parish Transition Team planning for the Aug. 15 arrival of the

two parishes' new administrator, Father Pedro Acoba, Father Hernando has hit the ground running trying to organize and structure the two parishes.

Father Acoba was supposed to start July 1, but was delayed because of immigration issues.

In the meantime, Father Hernando has worked long and hard to bring the two parishes together to plan how best to help the incoming priest. The parish leaders are grateful for his effort and dedication. The parishes and its lay ministers have been blessed by the brief but valuable administration of Father Hernando.

Lahaina luna

Bishop Larry Silva installed India-based Missionary of Faith Father Joseph Pathiyil as pastor of Maria Lanakila Parish in Lahaina on July 7 during the Saturday Vigil Mass. Pictured, from left, are Father Pathiyil, Bishop Silva, outgoing pastor Father Gary Colton and the new pastor's provincial superior Father Chacko Muthoottil. The evening concluded with a potluck dinner and entertainment by parishioners. Father Pathiyil will be joined by fellow Missionary of Faith Father Kuriakose Nadoo-parambil as parochial vicar. The Missionaries of Faith is a new community to Hawaii.



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WASHINGTON LETTER

The tax man cometh

How will church institutions, like religious colleges, hospitals and charities, pay for health care reform?

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON

As the head of a small evangelical college serving 2,400 undergraduates and 600 graduate students, the Rev. Philip Graham Ryken has no quarrel with contraception on religious grounds but doesn't want any part of a health insurance plan that offers certain drugs that can cause abortions.

So the president of Wheaton College in Illinois has vowed to resist requirements under the new health care law to provide all contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration — including two that can prevent implantation of a fertilized egg — free of charge to its employees.

If the school is unable to offer health coverage which complies with its moral and religious beliefs, that position could put him in line for taxes and penalties totaling \$1.4 million a year for faculty and staff alone, Rev. Ryken said at a recent teleconference announcing a lawsuit against the contraceptive mandate.

"This is a time to be cutting costs, not adding costs to university budgets," he said.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, employers with 50 or more full-time employees that do not offer health insurance will be subject to a fine of \$2,000 per employee, excluding the first 30 employees, if any employee receives a premium tax credit.

Those tax credits will be available to individuals and families with income between 133 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level. In 2012, the federal poverty level was \$11,170 for an individual and \$23,050 for a family of four, meaning that tax credits could go to families of four with income as high as \$92,200.

With more than 107,000 faculty and staff members at more than 200 U.S. Catholic colleges and universities, the total potential tax liability in Catholic higher education could be staggering if they feel compelled to drop their insurance. Add to that the nation's 629 Catholic hospitals employing more than 640,000 people, and the 381,000 people who work in 3,300 local Catholic Charities offices around the country, and the costs could

swamp an already financially beleaguered U.S. Catholic Church.

But the penalty on employers is far from the only tax contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The best known is the individual mandate, affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court as a tax, which could cost those without health insurance up to \$295 or 2.5 percent of taxable income, whichever is greater, by 2016.

Taxes related to the individual mandate — assessed by the Internal Revenue Service — begin at \$95 per person or 1 percent of taxable income in 2014 and go up from there. Those without coverage for less than three months, American Indians, prisoners, undocumented immigrants, those who have religious objections to obtaining health insurance and those whose incomes are below the tax filing threshold will be exempt.

One of the first taxes to take effect after the March 2010 passage of the Affordable Care Act was a 10 percent tax on indoor tanning services, imposed since July 1, 2010.

Among the others:
■ An increase in Medicare payroll taxes from 1.45 percent to 2.35 percent on earnings over \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for married couples filing jointly, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

■ An excise tax of 40 percent to be imposed on so-called "Cadillac coverage" health insurance plans valued at \$10,200 for individual coverage and \$27,500 for family policies, beginning Jan. 1, 2013. The tax will apply only to amounts above the thresholds and will be levied on insurers and self-insured employers, not directly on employees.

■ Annual fees of up to \$4.1 billion (in 2018) on the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector. The fee for 2012-13 was \$2.8 billion.

■ Annual fees of up to \$14.3 billion (in 2018) on the health insurance sector. The first fee, of \$8 billion, is to be imposed in 2014.

Those who itemize deductions on their tax returns will see the threshold for medical deductions rise from 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income to 10 percent beginning in 2013, except for people 65 and over. Contributions to flexible spending accounts for medical expenses will be capped at \$2,500

a year in 2013, with any later increases pegged to the cost of living.

Other taxes and penalties are likely to arise as various federal agencies issue their final regulations related to the health care law.

Jonathan H. Adler of Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland and Michael F. Cannon of the Cato Institute contend that the IRS has erred in ruling that those who live in states that decline to establish

state insurance exchanges can get the same tax credits and subsidies as the participants in state-run exchanges.

Although the health reform law calls for the establishment of a federal insurance exchange for those not covered by a state exchange, it does not allow for the extension of tax credits, Adler and Cannon said in an article to be published in an upcoming issue of Health Matrix, a journal that focusing on the intersection of law, ethics, medicine and policy.

"The text, structure and history of the (Affordable Care) Act show that tax credits and subsidies are not available in federally run exchanges," they say. "The IRS rule is contrary to congressional intent and cannot be justified on other legal grounds."

And because the tax credits can trigger fines on employers who do not provide health insurance, they added, the IRS rule is likely to end up in court -- joining some two dozen other lawsuits challenging aspects of the health reform law.

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2012 Back-to-School section

New year welcomes 4 new principals, preschool director

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Hawaii's Catholic Schools welcome four new principals and one new preschool director for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Michael Paekukui is the new principal of Cathedral Catholic Academy in Honolulu. A longtime educator at the school, Paekukui previously served as vice principal and taught religion and social studies in the junior high grades.

Paekukui is a graduate of Saint Louis School. He earned an associate's degree from Windward Community College and a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Paekukui also attended Grand Canyon University in Arizona, where he earned a master's degree in "education, curriculum and instruction: technology."

Paekukui also serves on the Bishop's Board for Persons with Disabilities, and is a music minister and cantor at St. Ann Church in Kaneohe.



John "Jack" Rizzo



Michael Paekukui



James T. Meyer



Sister M. Cecilia Fabular, OP

Dominican Sister of the Most Holy Rosary M. Cecilia Fabular is the new principal at St. John the Baptist in Kalihi. It is her second time assigned to the school — in 1997, she served there as a fourth grade teacher.

Sister Cecilia is originally from Dumalag, a town in the western Philippine province of Capiz. She entered religious life in 1985 at the age of 17 and made her final profession of vows in 1994.

She attended Dumalag Vocational High School before entering the convent. During her religious formation, Sister Cecilia studied at the University of San

Agustin in Iloilo City.

Sister Cecilia's previous assignments include teaching fourth grade and religious education at Mary Immaculate Academy in the Philippines, and teaching at St. Charles Borromeo School in San Francisco. She also taught at St. Catherine School on Kauai and at the Dominican Center's Rosary Preschool in Waipahu.

In 2008, she completed her studies at the University of San Francisco for a master's degree in "leadership in Catholic schools."

John "Jack" Rizzo is the new head of school at St. Theresa in Honolulu. He returns to Hawaii

after serving as superintendent of schools for the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union in West Wilmington, Vt.

Rizzo earned his doctorate degree in education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2004. On the mainland, he has been principal at St. John the Baptist Catholic School and Tatham Elementary School in Massachusetts, and at the Villa Duchesne/Oak Hill School in Missouri.

Rizzo also had two previous assignments in the Islands, as principal for a short time at Saint Louis School and as head of school at Maui Preparatory Academy.

James T. Meyer has been named the new principal for Maryknoll High School.

Meyer started his professional life as a legal/financial analyst before accepting a teaching job at an all-boys school near Boston. He later earned a master's degree in education from Boston University and has spent more than

two dozen years in teaching and administrative positions.

He arrives from South Africa, where he was most recently the interim head of the North American International School. Joining him in the Islands are his wife Maureen and their five children.

Kathleen Evans is the new director and faculty liaison at the L. Robert Allen Montessori Center at Chaminade University.

Born and raised in New York City, Evans moved to the Islands 35 years ago. She is a Chaminade alumna with degrees in education and Montessori teaching certification from the school. She earned her doctorate degree studying "higher education, leadership and social change."

Prior to becoming the center's director and faculty liaison, Evans taught for five years in Chaminade's education program. She also previously taught at local Montessori communities, and often visited the R. Allen Montessori center while studying as an undergraduate at Chaminade.

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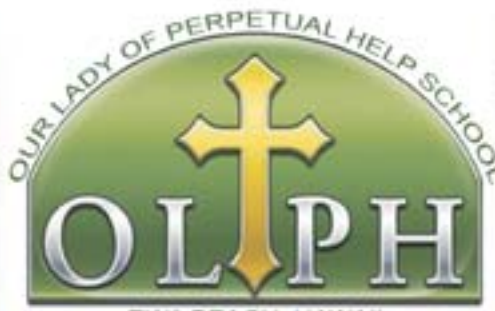
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The girls are here: Damien Memorial begins new era

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz
Hawaii Catholic Herald

It seemed fitting that, during the summer transition between two academic years, Damien Memorial School admissions director Brent Limos and president Bernard Ho would be focused on another huge transition currently taking place on campus, one between two eras.

Last September, the all-boys school announced it was going co-ed. This June, the reality of that decision came to fruition, as the first girls arrived at the Kalihi institution for summer school.

Aug. 6 marks the start of the 2012-2013 school year with a co-ed student population and a brand new stage in Damien's 50-year-history. Seventy girls have been enrolled in grades six through nine. Grades 10 through 12 will continue with single-gender classes this year, while the plan is to have the school fully integrated, one high school class a year, by 2016.

According to Limos, the decision to go co-ed has generally been good for Damien's enrollment numbers. Last year, the school had 360 students. Limos said 470 students have registered for 2012-2013, a roughly 30 percent increase in enrollment, likely the biggest jump for any Catholic school in Hawaii this year.

Ho and Limos said that so far, the school's transition to a co-ed environment has been going surprisingly well. Several facilities for girls — including two color-



fully decorated bathrooms and a girl's locker room — are almost complete. Girls' cheerleading and sports teams are starting to meet. Teachers gave positive reports about summer school classroom dynamics.

And, Limos notes, the student body overall has grown to be "very receptive to the idea" of their new integrated school.

"When I talk to the teachers, one thing we noticed in the cafeteria is that it is a little bit more lively," Limos said. "You can kind of feel the enthusiasm."

Ho said parents have also been supportive of the transition. The decision to accept girls was at first met with a little anxiety

within the Damien community, Ho acknowledged. But parents now can see the benefits of sharing the brand of Catholic education espoused by the school's founding Christian Brothers to a new population of students.

"In the beginning I think we always know that change is not necessarily difficult, but a change is something that people are uncertain about," Ho said. "And I think once the initial decision was made, people started to realize that there are many factors that made good sense for us to do that."

"I think the girls bring a lot of good spirit and cheer to the student body, and the boys I think

are able to share the legacy of St. Damien and what this school is about," Ho said. "So I think it's a good fit."

The positive feedback provides a renewed energy for the school, Ho and Limos said. With an expanded student base, many are excited about possible clubs and cultural projects that can come in the future, based on more diverse student interests.

"We're able now to grow our programs, coupled with our major capital campaign for our master plan implementation," Ho said. "Everybody wins."

In addition to the changes made on campus to accommodate the new co-ed population,



Damien Memorial School in Kalihi begins its transition from an all-boys school to a co-ed environment this summer. Above, left, ninth grader Rhiannon Palmere was the first girl to arrive at Damien for summer school classes, June 12.

Above right, decorative mirrors and a colorful countertop were installed in one of two refurbished girls' bathrooms on campus.

the translation of Damien's school motto has also been revised. "Viriliter Age," once translated from Latin as "Act Manfully," will now be read "Act Courageously."



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Sacred Hearts Academy iPad2s to be used at every grade level

Sacred Hearts Academy announced a school-wide iPad2 program for 2012-13, which promises to be an inspiring and engaging opportunity for students as technology is further integrated into the junior kindergarten through grade 12 curriculum.

This August, Apple iPad2s will be the primary device used in the Lower School. Students in grades 7-12 will use both laptop computers and iPad2s. The school will provide shared classroom carts of iPad2s in the junior kindergarten through grade 3 classrooms. In grades 4-6, each student will have her own iPad2. For grades 7-12, students will be entering their third year using their own one-on-one devices. Many are thrilled that they can now choose an iPad2 to

use in class.

The school's technology program is one element of the "Schools of the Future" initiative. Sacred Hearts Academy is entering its fourth year of this five-year program, which is sponsored by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools and funded through the Hawaii Community Foundation.

Head of School Betty White said, "The iPad2, in conjunction with available apps (applications), is currently the best teaching device that supports the learning outcomes in the classroom and prepares our students for their futures by moving them from passive to active, engaged learners."

The Academy's strong commitment to its technology program is

evidenced by its extensive investment in it.

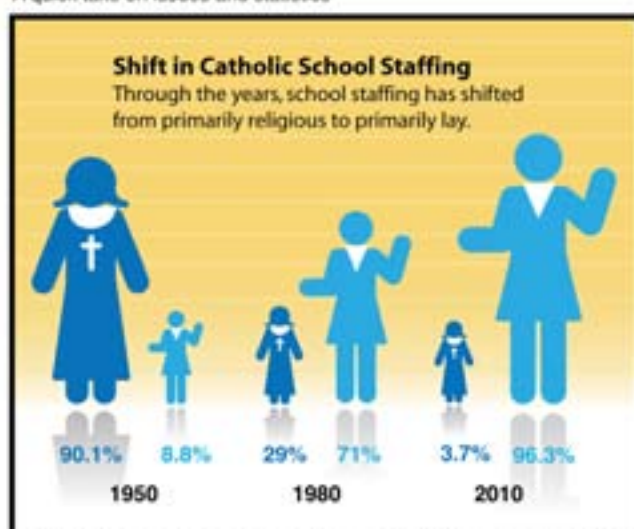
White said, "The school's technology budget from general operating funds increased over 300 percent for the 2012-2013 school year."

Teachers have spent the summer in training, learning how to integrate iPad2 technology into their classes. Also, the administration and faculty are eagerly researching the expanding educational and sustainability benefits of replacing textbooks with on-line resources.

Indeed, the rapid evolution of technology is shaping a new world students will enter, and Sacred Hearts Academy is committed to preparing its students to meet it with success.

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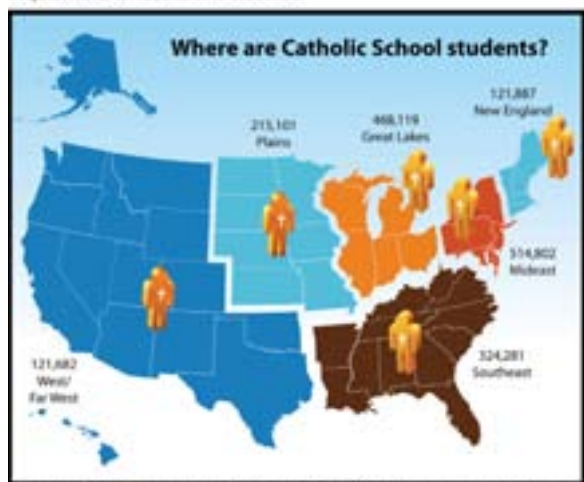
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Holy Family Catholic Academy Looking forward to a productive year

Exciting things continue to happen at Holy Family Catholic Academy! This school year, technology integration will be enhanced through the implementation of the iPad pilot program in grade five.

Students in grades six-eight continue to participate in the one-to-one laptop program. Ongoing for students in kindergarten through grade four is the myON reader program, which matches student interests and reading level with content to personalize

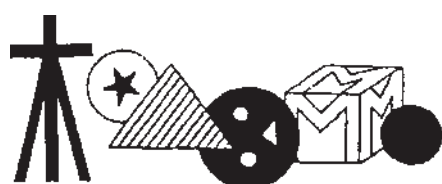
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The early learning center through grade eight will learn and lead with the 16 essential characteristics of the Habits of Mind.

Also, the Academy welcomes new faces! Carol Chong comes in as assistant principal. New teachers include Kelli Koga Higa, kindergarten; Heather Jones, grade one; Steve Pocrnich, grade three; Christy Bray, grades 7-8 language arts; and Sonia McMichael, grades 7-8 science.

New teacher assistants include Ana Gamez and Roselyn Galapon, both kindergarten, and Kathleen Kurgan, grade four. Long-time teacher assistant Mary McAleer is the new school librarian. Alison Castellano comes aboard as the new cafeteria manager.

Adding to the excitement, Holy Family Catholic Academy prepares to welcome the WCEA accreditation team in spring, 2013. The entire school community looks forward to a productive and enlightening year ahead!



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Enrollment numbers continue downward slide

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Hawaii Catholic school enrollment slipped below 10,000 last year for the first time since the Islands' post-World War II boom in Catholic education, according to figures supplied by the Hawaii Catholic Schools office.

The June 2012 tally of students was 9,902 for preschool, elementary school and high school combined. The June 2011 total was 10,111. The totals for the previous four years were 2010 –

10,315, 2009 – 10,767, 2008 – 11,155, and 2007 – 11,358.

The schools office counts enrollment both at the beginning (September) and the end (June) of the school year. The June figures usually are slightly lower than the September figures as students leave during the year.

While enrollment showed an overall drop of about 3 percent — the average yearly decline for at least the past five years — some schools increased their number of students in 2012.

From 2011 to 2012, Saint

Francis School in Manoa gained 53 students for preschool through grade 12, a 12 percent jump. Saint Louis added 70 more students to its grade five through 12 program, from 571 to 641. Both are “private” Catholic schools, independent of diocesan parishes.

At the same time, the enrollments of St. Anthony and St. John the Baptist parish elementary schools in inner Kalihi dropped an average of 20 percent.

Sagging enrollment caused

Christ the King School in Kahului, Maui, to close its elementary grades at the end of the 2012 school year and retain its preschool under the new name Christ the King Child Development Center. St. Joseph School in Makawao did the same thing in 2010 and is now called St. Joseph Early Learning Center.

Other schools closing in recent years are Holy Trinity in Kuliouou in 2010, Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa, in 2004, and Saint Francis School, Kauai, in 2002.

Tuition up for all, except one

Rare is the Catholic school that doesn't increase its tuition every year. For the 2012-2013 school year, only one — St. John the Baptist, Kalihi — did not raise either its base tuition or its additional “fees,” according to the Hawaii Catholic Schools office.

For the rest, students will have to pay generally a few hundred dollars more.

Tuition for preschools and grade school run for the most part in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 range. High school tuitions go from about \$8,000 to about \$14,000.

The base tuition for St. Joseph School in Waipahu actually went down, but new fees raised this year's overall cost higher than last year's.

Fees for Hawaii's Catholic schools can range from \$40 to more than \$1,400 a year. Around 10 schools list no fees at all. They are considered “included” in the tuition. Tuition for one school, St. John Vianney, Kailua, includes fees, plus lunch.

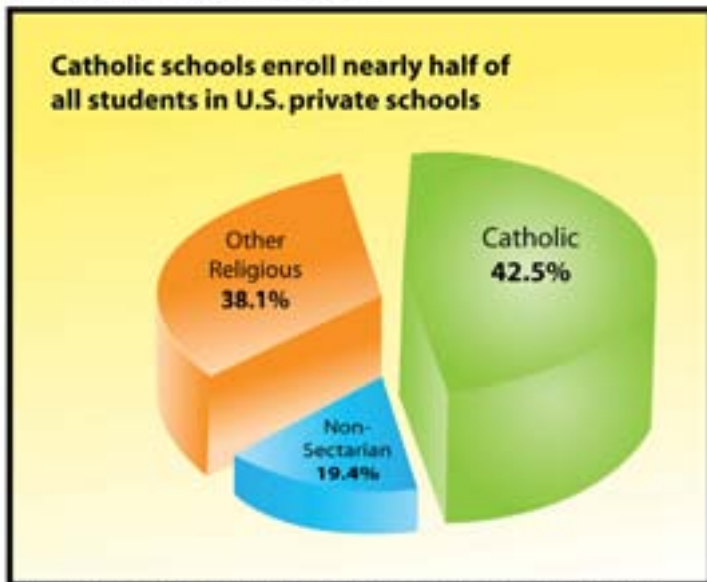
The least expensive grade school is St. Theresa, Kekaha, whose tuition and fees add up to \$4,495. The high school with the lowest tuition is St. Joseph, Hilo, at \$8,100, fees included.

The highest grade school tuition belongs to Maryknoll at \$12,990 up to grade five. Grades 6-8 are \$710 more. But the school has no fees. Maryknoll also has the highest high school tuition at \$14,250, but again, no fees.

Fees boost the cost of going to Saint Louis School to just a fraction less than Maryknoll.

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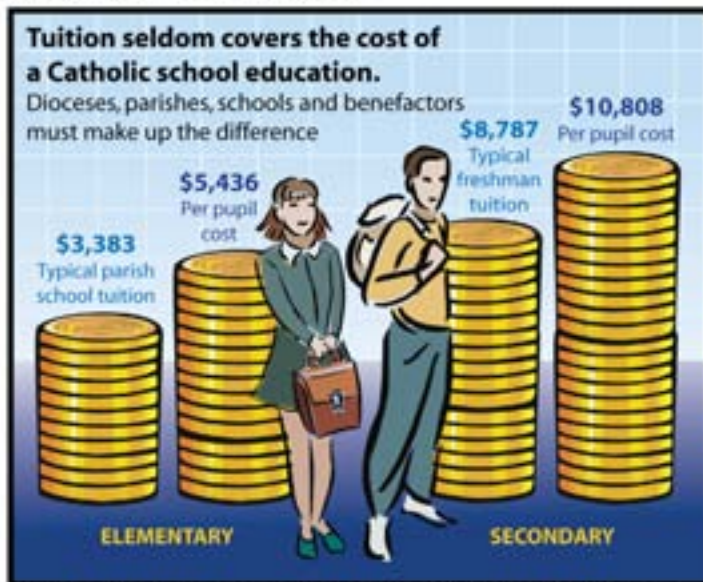
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Michael Rockers, superintendent of Hawaii Catholic Schools, July 25, at the diocesan chancery.

An interview with Hawaii Catholic Schools superintendent Michael Rockers

A clearer picture, one year on the job

Story and photos by **Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz**
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Hawaii Catholic Schools superintendent Michael Rockers has had a busy year.

Last August, he left his job as principal of a small Catholic grade school in South Carolina and relocated to the Islands. Since he arrived, Rockers has become acquainted with the staffs and students of the diocese's roughly 40 Catholic schools.

He also organized his first major Annual Conference for Catholic Educators in February,

You've just completed your first full year as superintendent of Hawaii Catholic Schools. How have you been settling in?

It's been a simple matter really, in the sense of all the support I've gotten from the diocesan offices and the people of Hawaii, the principals. They've made me feel more than welcome, and I've really experienced that aloha spirit.

So it's been a wonderful beginning. I just feel blessed regarding that. I've got a lot to learn, but the attitude of everybody is so positive and really helpful that it hasn't been a struggle to try to get connected with people and that type of thing. It's been a pleasure.

How are you enjoying the islands in general? Is it a nice place to live?

I don't want to brag too much — it's not fair to those who don't live here! (laughs) It's a great place. The weather is almost a metaphor for the people, in a sense. It's nearly perfect every day, and the people are just warm and genuine, too.

Have you gotten used to the culture of the place?

I have. It's more like the "cul-

and has made strides on implementing the "System for Success," diocesan plan for Catholic education developed under the leadership of former superintendent Carmen Himenes.

In between his duties as superintendent, Rockers has been adjusting to his new home with his wife Lori. They have enjoyed exploring all that the Islands have to offer.

Rockers is looking forward to the 2012-2013 school year. In a July 19 email to the Hawaii Catholic Herald, Rockers wrote about several initiatives being planned. Among them, a partnership with Chaminade Univer-

sity of Honolulu, and an inaugural Catholic Schools Choral Festival to celebrate the "Year of Faith."

A handbook for Catholic schools and the development of "Parochial School Financial Health Benchmarks" are also in the works.

The Hawaii Catholic Herald caught up with Rockers by phone a couple of weeks ago as he spent a bit of the summer on the Mainland catching up with his four children and 13 grandkids. He paused to reflect on the year that has passed, and the vision for the year ahead.

tures" of the place. They all have their different gifts and things I need to learn about them, but it's a rich social dynamic. The variations and the different cultures, I enjoy that so much.

Have you checked out the beaches, eaten the local food, etc.?

Well, I love the beaches! We're just a block away from the beach there at Kailua. So Lori and I can

just go to the beach for an hour or two if we want and come right back home, which is nice. It's a beautiful beach. I've been able to play a little golf, and Lori's made some nice friends. She's been active in the church, too. We belong to St. Anthony of Padua Church (Kailua). So we're trying to be parishioners and not just diocesan employees.

How does our diocese differ from the other dioceses you've been in? (Prior to South Carolina, Rockers was a principal and the Catholic Schools superintendent in Little Rock, Ark.)

The Diocese of Little Rock is, I always say, it's equidistant to each coast. Meaning it's about 2,000 miles to each coast. And now instead of 2,000 miles to the beach, I'm a block (away). So that's kind of a nice thing. Hilton Head is a beautiful setting in South Carolina. Sometimes I say I moved from "paradise" to "heaven" — or vice versa! We were not too far from a beach and in a beautiful setting there too, but I don't think anything compares to Hawaii. I really don't.

What has been the most exciting part of the job so far?

I think the most exciting part of the job is the active, authentic faith life that the people I'm coming in contact with have. It's not a facade — it's personal, and it's active, and it's central to who they are. From the bishop all the way through to the people that I meet every day. I think that's the thing that excites me the most, that there really is a genuine love for the Lord and love for the church, and an honest desire to do his will and to try to move the Catholic diocese forward.

Has anything excited you about what you've seen in the schools and in the kids?

There's so many things! I was a little overwhelmed by the May Day celebrations. They were just overwhelmingly beautiful. I had a wonderful experience. I attended Maryknoll's graduation and was able to also attend the graduation for St. Anthony in Maui, and both of those were just wonderful celebrations.

I guess the process of working out the System for Success strategic plan, you know it's not all celebrations and that type of thing. There's some hard work to it and some difficult decisions because of the economy and other things that are going on. But we have a lot to celebrate, too.

What has been the most challenging part for you so far in the school system?

For me personally, if the System for Success major goals and objectives are going to move forward, we really have to call on some partnerships that have to develop. Whether it's partnerships with school boards and the school administration, or the parish and the school administration, or regional planning groups with the local parishes and schools, or different funding opportunities for the schools — there's going to have to be a lot of these that develop. And we've started some exciting ones already.

But I think that was the part of being new to Hawaii, that I got a slow start on, because I didn't know the personalities or the individuals in the state to see who had the desire and the ability to lead, and move to help



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these partnerships develop. So now after a year, I've got a better feeling for that and I think these things, they'll emerge more naturally because of me knowing who to talk with and who to connect with and what schools have what needs and what schools can be leaders in helping our system reach the goals of the System for Success.

Has anything surprised you? Anything that you thought would be difficult but turned out not so, or vice versa?

The one thing that hits me right away was the Maui vicariate, and their willingness right when I came to look at some regional support for the Maui Catholic schools. They started a monthly second collection for Maui Catholic schools, and really that went to the children of active parishioners. And so that helped tuition assistance to those families who needed it.



It also helped the "Catholicity" of these schools because it was these families of active parishioners who had a greater chance of attending a Catholic school there. And I think in some respects it was kind of a lever for those families to say yes, we're going to be a part of the Catholic schools in Maui.

Over \$25,000 was raised in just about seven months. And so if this occurs again next year, we're hoping to do even better than that, because we'll have the whole year to raise the funds. If we can get 10 or 15 or 20 more Catholic students in Catholic schools in Maui, that's a real nice start in regional support and we're beginning to see some of the benefits of that type of support that's called for in the System for Success strategic plan.

Is that kind of parish and vicariate support occurring on the other islands?

Kauai has kind of a history of those parishes helping one of the two Catholic schools on Kauai. So that's been good. (The Parochial School Financial Health Benchmarks) will help crystallize for the vicariates when regional planning groups should meet and what they should be talking about. It gives them some kind of direction regarding their role in the System for Success. So I think that's good, too.

What is the state of Catholic schools in Hawaii and in general?



We mirror what has been happening in the Catholic schools over the last seven or eight years in Hawaii, almost identically to what has generally happened on the mainland. That is, there is about a 2 or 3 percent decrease in enrollment every year. And we have got to do whatever we can to stop that decline and make the Catholic school education somehow more affordable for these middle class families that want

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an education that mirrors their faith life and supports their faith life. So the Augustine Educational Foundation and their role — I just don't see how we can do it without that growing and the people there continuing their good work and growing that. I guess that's a bigger challenge, too.

What about the health of the curriculum and general teaching in Catholic schools? Is Catholic identity being maintained?

In short, yes. I think it is. And that's been a blessing to me to see that. But it's always something that needs to be on the front burner. It's not something that we can say, "Oh, we've been doing it." Especially those lay principals that are leading our schools and the boards that are going to be playing a bigger and bigger role in the schools. It always has to be a front burner issue. We have two goals: quality academics and Christian formation. And if you had to choose, Christian formation is even more important.

As far as the academic excellence part of it, the 21st century learning and some of the changes that are happening in the schools — our goal is trying to stay ahead of that curve instead of behind it. That work that P.J. (P.J. Foher, consultant to the Hawaii Catholic Schools department) is doing, and some of that is going to be critical if we're going to stay in the forefront and say that we have quality academics in relationship to what the kids need to be successful in the 21st century.

What are you looking forward to this upcoming school year?

I really am genuinely excited about the programs that have been developed and the projects that we're going to be working on. I think they really match up so well with what the System for Success is calling us to do and what our real needs are for the schools. The more people involved in moving the schools forward, the better. So the school board workshops, the leadership cohort, the work with Chaminate — it's an exciting time for schools.

It's happening in some ways in spite of the superintendent — you know, this rookie who's coming on board here (laughs). So many good things have happened because of the goodness of Chaminate and other diocesan offices, the bishop and Father Gary (Secor), the diocesan school board. There are so many people that are on board wanting to help.

I'm getting a clearer and clearer vision of how to orchestrate these people because the desire to help the schools is there, and they have the abilities, too — some real talents and gifts to help the schools, too. I'm getting a clearer picture of how those things fit together.

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Chaminade University

Castle Foundation awards \$87,000 for preschool directors training

The Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation on July 24 awarded Chaminade University an \$87,000 grant to support the Castle Colleagues Pre-School Directors Management Training Program.

Chaminade's Castle Colleagues Program provides management training to early childhood education directors in Hawaii. The program offers practical, hands-on management skills, tools, and resources through a series of intensive

retreats structured as interactive survey courses. It is the only community-based management training program for early childhood site directors in Hawaii.

The Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation and its component fund, the Henry and Dorothy Castle Memorial Fund, provide resources to improve early education, K-12 and independent schools, and arts and cultural institutions. The Foundation funds a number of early education projects.

ABC Stores grant assists students in Summer Bridge Program

ABC Stores on July 25 gave Chaminade University a \$10,000 grant for tuition subsidies for its 2012 Summer Bridge students. Fourteen students will benefit from ABC Stores' generosity.

The Summer Bridge program helps incoming students transition into college and has helped improve university retention and graduation rates.

The program offers classes

to conditionally admitted students and is designed to prepare incoming freshmen, especially those from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, to successfully transition through their first year of college.

Students learn important academic, cognitive, social and leadership skills that serve them well during their critical freshman year and beyond.

Saint Francis School

Annual alumni Mass and luau raises funds for scholarships

The Saint Francis School Alumni Homecoming Mass and Luau on Aug. 4 at the Manoa campus promises lots of ono Hawaiian food, door prizes, outstanding entertainment and prize drawings.

The event will also honor the "golden scholars" from the class of 1962.

The celebration begins with a Memorial Mass at 4:30 p.m.

in the convent chapel followed by the luau at 6 p.m. in the Almeida Student Center.

The cost is \$30 for anyone over 10 years old, and \$15 for children ages 5-10. Take-out meals are available. Proceeds benefit the Saint Francis School Alumni Scholarship Fund.

For information, call Julia Brown at 247-2549 or Leonora Pa at 734-0663.

Cathedral Catholic Academy

welcomes **Mr. Michael K. Pa'ekukui** as principal.

He succeeds Jaydee Wagner, who will be working as Director of Asia-Pacific adoptions at Hawaii International Child.

Mr. Pa'ekukui has served as a teacher and administrator for the Diocese of Honolulu for the past 14 years.



CCA also welcomes Mr. Spencer Yim (Gr. 6) and Mr. Daniel Mawyer (Gr. 7) to the Cathedral 'ohana.

We pray for a fruitful and successful year for all!



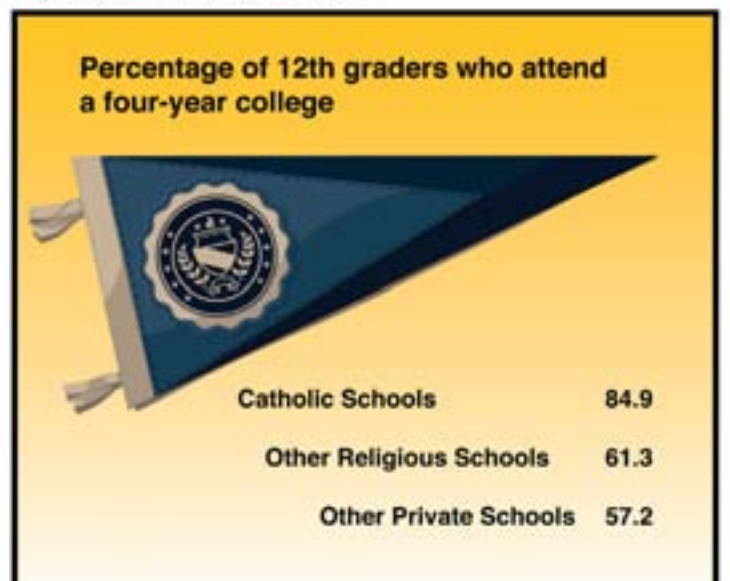
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A quick take on issues and statistics



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Hawaii Catholic Schools

School Address	Phone Website	Fax	Grades Coed	Yr-rnd	Accreditation	Top Administrator	Tuition	Fees	Start date	Enrollment 6/2012
STANDALONE PRESCHOOLS										
Blessed Marianne Cope 2707 Pamoia Rd., Honolulu 96822	988-6528 www.stfrancis-oahu.org	988-5497	2-5yrs coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Sr. Joan of Arc Souza, OSF	2 yrs \$6,555; 3-5 yrs \$6,267	\$50	Aug. 6	50
L Robert Allen Montessori 3140 Waiialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	735-4875 www.lracmontessori.org	735-4876	PreK-K coed		NAEYC	Kathleen Evans	\$6,165 school day; \$7,560 full day	\$525	Aug. 20	35
Holy Family ELC 830 Main St., Honolulu 96818	421-1265 www.holyfamilycatholicacademy.org	422-5030	Pre-K coed		WCEA, WASC	Kalei DeMello	JK \$9,015 school; \$9,612 full; PK \$7,365 school; \$7,962 full	\$350	Aug. 7	96
Rosary Pre-School 94-1249-A Lumikula St., Waipahu 96797	676-1452	677-1202	Pre-K coed		NAEYC	Sr. Aurelia Sanchez, OP	\$5,900 school day; \$6,400 full day	\$360	Aug. 2	55
St. Ann's Model School ELC 46-125 Haiku Rd., Kaneohe 96744	247-3092 www.stannshi.org	235-0717	PreK-K coed		WCEA, WASC	Daphne Kauhane	\$6,525/half; \$6,660/school; \$6,975/full	\$283 average	Aug. 21	156
St. John Catholic Preschool 95-370 Kuahelani Ave., Mililani 96789	623-3332 www.stjohnmililani.org	623-6496	PreK-K coed		HECAP	Catherine Awong	\$5,390/half; \$6,500/school; \$7,500/full	\$325	Aug. 13	57
St. Philomena ELC 3300 Ala Laulani St., Honolulu 96818	833-8080 www.spelc-hawaii.com	834-3438	15m-6yrs coed		HECAP	Nicole Darity	Toddler \$9,600; PK \$9,420; K \$10,020	\$85	July 12	190
Star of the Sea ELC 4470 Aliikoa St., Honolulu 96821	734-3840 www.staroftheseaelc.org	732-1738	PreK-K coed		NAEYC	Lisa Foster	\$8,100	Included	Aug. 21	190
Christ the King Child Development 211 S Kaulawahine St., Kahului 96732	877-3587	871-8101	PreK-K coed	✓	HECAP	Carole Arakawa	PK \$5,575; K \$4,750	\$500	Aug. 1	79
St. Anthony Pre-School 1627-B Mill St., Wailuku 96793	242-9024	986-0654	PreK coed		NAEYC	Carlene Santos	\$5,500/school day	\$350	Aug. 1	48
St. Joseph Early Learning Center 1294 Makawao Ave., Makawao 96768	572-6235 www.sjsmaui.org	572-0748	PreK-K coed		NAEYC	Helen Souza	PK-K \$6,120/school day	\$300	Aug. 13	57
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS										
Cathedral Catholic Academy 1728 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu 96817	533-2069 www.cchawaii.org	533-3040	K-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Michael Paekukui	\$6,750	\$235	July 30	138
Holy Family Catholic Academy 830 Main St., Honolulu 96818	423-9611 www.holyfamilycatholicacademy.org	422-5030	K-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Christina Malins	K-4 \$6,460; 5 \$7,036; 6-7 \$7,286; 8 \$8,250	\$650	Aug. 7	523
Maryknoll 1526 Alexander St., Honolulu 96822	952-8400 www.maryknollschool.org	952-7101	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Perry Martin	PK-5 \$12,990; 6-8 \$13,700	Included	Aug. 21	828
Our Lady of Good Counsel 1530 Hoolana St., Pearl City 96782	455-4533 www.olgchawaii.org	455-5587	PreK-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Cindy Olaso	PK \$6,425; K-8 \$6,050	Included	Aug. 1	248
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 91-1010 North Rd., Ewa Beach 96706	689-0474 www.olphschoolewabeachhi.com	689-4847	K-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Sr. M. Davilyn AhChick, OSF	\$5,150	\$400	Aug. 8	169
Sacred Hearts Academy 3253 Waiialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	734-5058 www.sacredhearts.org	737-7867	PreK-6 girls		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Betty White	PK-6 \$8,714	\$375 average	Aug. 8	360
St. Ann's Model Schools 46-125 Haiku Rd., Kaneohe 96744	247-3092 www.stannshi.org	235-0717	1-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Daphne Kauhane	1-3 \$5,860; 4-8 \$5,810	\$550 average	Aug. 21	240
St. Anthony 148 Makawao St., Kailua 96734	261-3331 www.saskailua.org	263-3518	PK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Bridget Olsen	PK \$6,730; K-5 \$6,375; 6-8 \$6,525	\$150	Aug. 13	394
St. Anthony 640 Puuhale Rd., Honolulu 96819	845-2769 www.saintanthonykailui.org	853-2234	K-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Sr. Victoria Lavente, SPC	\$3,500	\$1,180 average	Aug. 14	78
St. Elizabeth 99-310 Moanalua Rd., Aiea 96701	488-5322 www.steliz-hi.org	486-0856	K-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Sr. Bernarda Sindol, OP	\$5,400	\$275	Aug. 14	228
Saint Francis 2707 Pamoia Rd., Honolulu 96822	988-4111 www.stfrancis-oahu.org	988-5497	K-6 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Sr. Joan of Arc Souza, OSF	K-3 \$6,600; 4-5 \$7,000; 6-8 \$8,500	Included	Aug. 2	118
St. John the Baptist 2340 Omilo Ln., Honolulu 96819	841-5551 www.sjbcshawaii.net	842-6104	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Sr. M. Cecilia Fabular, OP	PK \$6,000; K-8 \$4,750	\$375 average	Aug. 14	168
St. John Vianney 940 Keolu Dr., Kailua 96734	261-4651 www.sjv-school.org	263-0505	PreK-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Michael Busekrus	PK \$7,480; K-8 \$7,180	included, w/lunch	July 25	236
St. Joseph 94-651 Farrington Hwy., Waipahu 96797	677-4475 www.stjosephwaipahu.org	677-8937	PreK-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Beverly Sandobal	PK \$6,685; K \$5,474; 1-8 \$5,361	PK \$873; K \$1,191; 1-8 \$1,134	July 24	378
St. Michael 67-340 Haona St., Waiialua 96791	637-7772 www.stmichaelschoolhi.com	637-7722	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Deanna Arecchi	PK \$5,950; K-8 \$4,950	\$650 average	Aug. 21	185
St. Patrick 3320 Harding Ave., Honolulu 96816	734-8979 www.saintpatrickhawaii.org	732-2851	JK-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Sr. Anne Clare DeCosta, SSCC	JK-K \$5,600; 1-8 \$5,400	\$525 average	July 30	339
St. Theresa 712 North School St., Honolulu 96817	536-4703 www.sts-hi.org	524-6861	K-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	John Rizzo	\$5,500	Included	Aug. 21	342
Star of the Sea 4469 Malia St., Honolulu 96821	734-0208 www.starofthesea.org	735-9790	1-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Carola A. Souza	\$8,700	Included	Aug. 1	226
St. Joseph 999 Ululani St., Hilo 96720	935-4935 www.stjosephhilo.org	935-6894	PreK-6 coed		WCEA, WASC	Victoria Torcolini	PK \$5,450; K-6 \$6,300	Included	Aug. 6	182
St. Catherine 5021 Kawaihau Rd., Kapaa 96746	822-4212 www.st-catherineschool.org	823-0991	PreK-8 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC	Celina Haigh	PK \$6,900; K-8 \$4,495	\$400 average	July 24	156
St. Theresa PO Box 277, Kekaha 96752	337-1351	337-1714	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Mary Jean Buza-Sims	PK \$4,800; K-8 \$3,900	PK \$420; K-8 \$595	Aug. 6	118
Sacred Hearts 239 Dickenson St., Lahaina 96761	661-4720 www.sacredheartsschool.net	667-5363	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Susan L. Hendricks	PK \$6,350; K-5 \$6,380; 6-8 \$6,780	PK \$375; K-8 \$150	Aug. 6	188
St. Anthony Grade 1627-A Mill St., Wailuku 96793	244-4976 www.sagsmaui.com	244-7950	K-6 coed		WCEA, WASC	Winona Martinez	\$4,850	\$40-\$75	Aug. 1	150
HIGH SCHOOLS (SOME WITH LOWER GRADES)										
Damien Memorial 1401 Houghtailing St., Honolulu 96817	841-0195 www.damien.edu	847-1401	6-12 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Bernard A.K.S. Ho	6 \$8,625; 7-8 \$8,825; 9-12 \$10,875	\$650 average	Aug. 6	366
Maryknoll High 1526 Alexander St., Honolulu 96822	952-8400 www.maryknollschool.org	952-7201	9-12 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Perry Martin	\$14,250	included	Aug. 21	588
Sacred Hearts Academy 3253 Waiialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	734-5058 www.sacredhearts.org	737-7867	7-12 girls		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Betty White	7-8 \$9,928; 9-12 \$11,607	7-8 \$390 average; 9-12 \$420 average	Aug. 8	691
Saint Francis 2707 Pamoia Rd., Honolulu 96822	988-4111 www.stfrancis-oahu.org	988-5497	7-12 coed	✓	WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Sr. Joan of Arc Souza, OSF	9-12 \$9,700	included	Aug. 2	334
Saint Louis 3142 Waiialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	739-7777 www.saintlouis-hawaii.org	739-4853	6-12 boys		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Walter Kirimitsu	6-8 \$11,970; 9-12 \$12,810	6 \$1,403; 7 \$1,396; 8 \$1,405; 9-12 \$1,216	Aug. 7	641
St. Joseph Jr/Sr High 1000 Ululani St., Hilo 96720	935-4936 www.sjhshilo.org	969-9019	7-12 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Victoria Torcolini	7-8 \$7,650; 9-12 \$8,100	included	Aug. 6	106
St. Anthony Jr/Sr High 1618 Main St., Wailuku 96793	244-4190 www.sasmaui.org	242-8081	7-12 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Patricia Rickard	7 \$7,650; 8 \$8,650; 9-12 \$10,500	\$300	Aug. 1	139
UNIVERSITY										
Chaminade University of Honolulu 3140 Waiialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	735-4711 www.chaminade.edu	735-4870	coed		WASC	Bro. Bernard Ploeger, SM	\$19,200/year regular \$23,660/nursing	applicable lab fees	Aug. 22	2,700, 1,200*

WCEA = Western Catholic Education Association; WASC = Western Association of Schools and Colleges; HAIS = Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; HECAP = Hawaii Early Childhood Accreditation Project; NAEYC = National Association for the Education of Young Children; *first number = total enrollment, second number = day undergraduate



Stephen
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CONSIDER THIS

Show me the money or show me the values?

The lack of any negative comments about overpaid athletes following the signing of the largest contract in the history of the National Football League says something about how accustomed we have become to large sums of money.

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees signed a five-year, \$100 million contract that will pay him the highest average annual salary in NFL history — \$20 million. Not that there is anything wrong with that. Brees is extremely good at what he does and would be foolish not to negotiate the best deal he could. But money has become the way to keep score.

With the amounts raised for the campaigns of President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney running into the hundreds of millions of dollars each, observers predict the totals by November could well surpass the \$1 billion mark.

But what is it spent on?

The vast amounts raised for political campaigns could be justified if used for something worthwhile instead of being spent on millions for TV commercials. It could produce seminars and real debates where candidates are forced to deal with substantial issues.

The House Agricultural Committee proposed cutting \$16 billion from the program once known as food stamps. Several Catholic agencies, in a letter to the committee, said the cuts “will hurt hungry children, poor families, vulnerable seniors and struggling workers.” The Senate’s version of the bill, passed in late June, cut \$4 billion from the program. The committee said this could be achieved by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse with the nonchalance of the late Sen. Everett Dirksen’s oft-quoted line: “A billion here, a billion there, pretty soon, you’re talking real money.”

Through financial deals too complex to understand, we’ve become accustomed to large figures. Losses from a trade cost J.P. Morgan Chase Bank \$5.8 billion so far this year. That loss could grow to as much as \$1.7 billion more by the end of the year.

A cavalier attitude toward vast sums masks social priorities. Money as the score keeper skews priorities and values.

Should an athlete, actor or musician be able to command a salary of millions at a time when millions are jobless?

One professional athlete who gets it is John Jaso, a catcher for the Seattle Mariners who understands why people think baseball players are out of touch.

“Last year I realized how special the big leagues are,” he said in an interview. “We all sign out of high school or college, we don’t know what a 9-to-5 job is, we don’t know what it’s like not to have health insurance,” said the 28-year-old.

“I like to look around online, and I saw that a dentist will go to school for 8 years and make \$130,000 a year. I’m making the big league minimum and make four times that much,” Jaso said.

Good for him.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The disordered desire for money cannot but produce perverse effects. It is one of the causes of the many conflicts which disturb the social order.”

Show me the money? No, show me the values.

Kent, now retired, was editor of archdiocesan newspapers in Omaha and Seattle. He can be contacted at: Considerk@gmail.com.



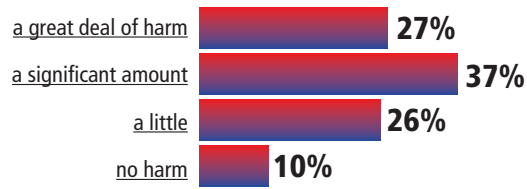
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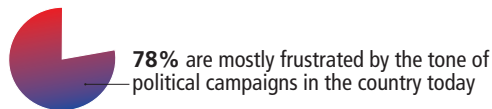
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Congo RUMANGABO



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Families who fled from renewed fighting between the Congolese army and rebels seek shelter at a church in Rumangabo, Congo, July 26. Congolese bishops are urging Catholics to join demonstrations against the division of the country along ethnic and geographic lines.

Colorado AURORA



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Theresa Hoover, mother of Alexander J. “AJ” Boik, hugs her son Wil at Boik’s funeral Mass at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Aurora, Colo., July 27. Boik was one of the victims of a July 20 shooting when a gunman killed at least a dozen people and injured many more during a midnight showing of the new Batman movie “The Dark Knight Rises.”

Nation

Washington, D.C.

Oakland bishop named for SF archdiocese

Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Archbishop George H. Niederauer of San Francisco and named Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., to succeed him. The appointment and resignation were announced in Washington July 27 by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Niederauer, 76, had headed the San Francisco Archdiocese since 2005. Archbishop Cordileone, a 56-year-old native of San Diego, was an auxiliary bishop in that diocese from 2002 until his 2009 appointment as bishop of Oakland. He will be installed as the ninth archbishop of San Francisco Oct. 4.

Indianapolis

Student killed during pro-life cross-country walk

Andrew Moore felt called to walk across America this summer with pro-life college students to help save the lives of unborn babies. “I had already been involved in the pro-life movement for several years,” Moore wrote in a reflection before he joined a group of Crossroads volunteers walking from San Francisco to Washington to pray for an end to legalized abortion. Tragically the 20-year-old Concord, Calif., college student lost his own life early July 20 when he was hit by a car as he walked along a highway in west-central Indiana with another Crossroads participant. They decided to cross the highway to walk on the other side so they could see oncoming traffic while they prayed the rosary.

Washington, D.C.

CRS: Funding did not violate church teaching

Catholic Relief Services said that \$5.3 million in emergency funding it provided to the humanitarian organization CARE in 2010 under a U.S. government grant did not violate Catholic teaching. In postings on its website July 20 and July 24, the U.S. bishops’ international development and relief agency explained that the money it provided to CARE was specifically used for water and sanitation and food and nutrition programs for poor families in Central America and Africa and could not be transferred to other services which CARE provided. The postings came in response to an online report that CARE provides contraceptives to women and other family planning services.

Washington, D.C.

Bishop: No ‘middle ground’ possible with LCWR

There can be no “middle ground” on matters of faith and morals, the bishop who conducted the Vatican-ordered doctrinal assessment of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious said in an interview that aired July 25 on National Public Radio’s “Fresh Air” program. Bishop Leonard P. Blair of Toledo, Ohio, one of two U.S. bishops assisting Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle in providing “review, guidance and approval, where necessary, of the work” of LCWR, was responding to a call for dialogue by Franciscan Sister Pat Farrell, LCWR president, on the same program July 17. “If by dialogue they mean that the doctrines of the church are negotiable ... then no,” he said.

Indiana HUNTINGTON

L’Osservatore Romano’s English edition to hit U.S.

The Vatican has chosen Our Sunday Visitor to be the exclusive distributor of the North American English edition of L’Osservatore Romano, the official Vatican newspaper. Our Sunday Visitor will begin distributing L’Osservatore Romano in August and also will provide order fulfillment, customer service, and marketing support for the newspaper. The focus will be promotion to individual Catholics, parishes, dioceses and other Catholic organizations. “This is a partnership that works well for both entities,” said a July 16 statement from Greg Erlandson, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor. L’Osservatore Romano publishes papal discourses and other Catholic news.

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Vatican City

Fast vs. facts: Vatican spokesman tries to quickly help media get truth

BY CAROL GLATZ

Throughout history, the Vatican has dealt with so many accusations and scandals, one would expect the Holy See to have a well-oiled PR machine primed to deal with the constant media onslaught.

Well, better late than never. Recent changes — some official, some done on-the-fly — demonstrate the Vatican is taking seriously its need to face the media clearly and directly both on offense and defense.

The first pivotal indication was the hiring of a seasoned lay journalist at the Vatican Secretariat of State to help “manage” the message.

The Vatican created the new adviser position in June and handpicked St. Louis-born Greg Burke, a member of Opus Dei and longtime Rome correspondent for Fox News.

The idea was to get someone knowledgeable about the church, yet culled from far enough outside the Vatican bubble to be able to see if any train wrecks were coming.

The Regensburg controversy is an example of one derailment that could have been avoided, many journalists have said, including Burke.

A deeply intellectual and nuanced speech citing a controversial 14th-century Byzantine emperor on the evils of a faith disconnected from reason may not present problems in a lecture to a group of theology students, “but in a sound-bite, headline culture, it’s a whole different thing,” Burke has told CNS.

Someone, in fact, who understood and sated the media’s hunger for quick concise sound bites was Joaquin Navarro-Valls, another Opus Dei member and longtime lay journalist who headed the Vatican press office for 22 years.

Some have said, in fact, that the Vatican’s tailspin into the media maelstrom began not long after Navarro’s retirement in July 2006 — just two months prior to the pope’s speech in Regensburg.

He was replaced by a much more understated and paternal figure — Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, a northern Italian mathematician, who learned to compute the media equation as head of Vatican Radio and the Vatican television station.

Measured, frank and open, Father Lombardi always answers journalists’ questions patiently and in a timely way; he also tries to keep up with monitoring the deluge of what gets written about the pope and the Vatican.

One of his jobs, in fact, is to decide when to call out absurd or untrue stories.

He said his style is to hold back and not give added attention to something that doesn’t deserve it.

One example was when an Italian scent maker created, on her own initiative, a cologne for Pope Benedict XVI; it morphed into headlines such



Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi walks through a crowd of media and demonstrators in Rome in this Oct. 31, 2010, file photo. Measured, frank and open, the Vatican spokesman always answers journalists’ questions patiently and in a timely way.

as “Pope orders his own custom-made cologne.”

When the Vatican was asked at the time if it were true, one journalist was met with an arched eyebrow and a shake of a head. Not even “no comment” was uttered.

Father Lombardi said prudence is key because making any kind of comment, including saying a story is false, often is taken as an “official” position statement from the Vatican and gives a baseless story even stronger legs to walk on, he told CNS.

He said he has had journalists respond to denials with “See! You are just defending so-and-so!” when the problem was that the claim was unfounded and no one bothered to verify it or back it up.

Part of the problem is media outlets competing to be the first out with the story or the first to repeat it to their own audience, he said. Writers may blindly rely on a shaky source, skip verifying or double-checking the facts “because they’re afraid of being behind.”

Father Lombardi went on the offense this year in an effort to preempt the preposterous.

He organized a landmark tour for journalists of the Vatican bank, which included a Q&A session and two-hour long presentation by the bank’s director, as a way to bust its “secretive” image and help reporters get correct information.

He also had a Vatican judge give a 90-minute briefing on the complex workings of the Vatican court system and explain what could or might happen to the papal butler accused of aggravated theft of confidential documents.

Also on his own initiative, Father Lombardi started holding almost daily briefings. He said they were not part of a new communications strategy as much as a response to the nonsense and inaccuracies being written in the

press in the wake of the “VatiLeaks” scandal.

“I wouldn’t have had to hold so many briefings, and everyone could have gone on vacation,” if so many false and unsubstantiated stories hadn’t been coming out every day, he said.

The nature of the so-called news reports — many bordering on libel — also prompted him to intervene often and firmly, he said.

The “VatiLeaks” scandal, which saw private correspondence between the pope and Vatican officials published in the press, erupted in January. The leaked letters, revealing allegations of corruption and infighting, fueled an already sensationalist-minded press.

In criticizing poor journalism, Father Lombardi hasn’t gone as far as Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, who recently blamed the ongoing scandal on unethical journalists “imitating Dan Brown,” and continuing “to invent fables or repeat legends.”

Father Lombardi has taken a more pastoral approach, peppering his statements and briefings with reminders that distortions and mistruths not only are not journalism, they are not in the public interest.

At a time when the press is clamoring for the Vatican to be more transparent, Father Lombardi said he agrees, but he added that truth, honesty and high standards also should apply to journalism.

Recognizing the pressure some writers are under from editors or management to favor fast over facts, he said he’s tried “to get journalists to reflect on their real duty and a sense of serious professionalism.”

Writers need to strive to “understand things more and better, to have a critical eye toward information,” which will benefit their audiences as well, he said.

World

United Nations

Demand for illicit arms discussed at conference

The flow of illicit arms across international borders would be stemmed more effectively by addressing the demand for such weapons through education and public awareness programs, the Vatican’s U.N. nuncio said. Addressing the U.N. Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty July 27, Archbishop Francis Chullikatt said such efforts would promote a culture of peace while opposing a “culture of criminality and violence. The treaty must establish mechanisms to curtail irresponsible and destabilizing arms transfers,” the archbishop said. The conference ended July 27 with no agreement after a month of discussions on how to best regulate the \$60-billion-a-year arms industry and prevent arms from getting into the hands of political insurgents and criminal gangs that threaten innocent lives.

England MANCHESTER

Catholics oppose call for same-sex marriage

In spite of widespread opposition from the Catholic Church and mainline Protestant denominations, the general public and his own party, British Prime Minister David Cameron promised to legalize same-sex marriage in England and Wales. Cameron’s declaration came July 24 during a meeting with gay, lesbian and transsexual communities at his Downing Street residence in London. He said he wanted to introduce legislation before the next general election, which must be called by 2015. In June, the Catholic bishops of England and Wales said a gay marriage law would leave the Church permanently vulnerable to legal action. In a July 26 press statement, the bishops’ conference reiterated its position.

Mexico City

Bishop, in homily, denounces election vices

A Mexican bishop has demanded that the country’s electoral authorities clarify the sources of an alleged surplus of money flowing into the July 1 federal elections, which the runner-up says were marred by overspending, vote buying and media manipulation. Bishop Raul Vera Lopez of Saltillo delivered a sharply worded homily July 22, calling on all Christians to support seeking an investigation into irregularities in the campaign instead of pursuing the post-election social peace promoted by many of Mexico’s bishops. “We cannot, with the excuse of a false social peace, endorse a process full of irregularities,” Bishop Vera said in the homily.

Vatican City

Papal butler’s lawyers say client acted out of love

Everything Paolo Gabriele did, he did for love of the church and the pope, said the lawyers for the personal assistant to Pope Benedict XVI accused of leaking private documents. However, Carlo Fusco and Cristiana Arru, the defense lawyers, said whether or not anything Gabriele did was a crime will be up to Vatican magistrates or a Vatican court to determine. The lawyers spoke to reporters July 21 after Gabriele was allowed to leave a Vatican cell and return to his Vatican apartment to be with his wife and three children. He had been in custody for 60 days. Vatican magistrates said they had finished their interrogation of the 46-year-old papal valet.

Nepal KATHMANDU

Road-widening project claims part of convent

A Missionaries of Charity convent in the Nepalese capital had to be partially demolished under a road-widening project that has turned several businesses and homes into little more than piles of rubble. Bulldozers smashed the exterior walls, gate and sections of the convent July 21 under terms of the project, reported the Asian church news agency UCA News. The sisters are responsible for paying for the demolition of part of a three-story building used by the sisters. “We were only given two days notice and then we quickly moved things from the rooms near the road,” said Missionaries of Charity Sister Brigid Ann, local superior of the community.



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FOR THE JOURNEY

Joining the fight for accurate images of women and girls

If you're looking for a hero in civic life these days, I have a nominee. Her name is Julia Bluhm. She's only 14, but she obviously has a good bit of common sense and a willingness to take action.

The Christian Science Monitor reports that the teen launched an online petition to urge Seventeen magazine to stop using Photoshop to alter published photos of girls' bodies and faces. Her efforts, which resulted in more than 80,000 signatures, have led Seventeen to promise that it will leave bodies alone, using Photoshop only to remove the stray hair or the errant pimple.

If you haven't looked at teen magazines lately, or for that matter, any fashion magazines, you've missed a lot of really staggering photo altering. Many websites post features on the funniest or most blatant examples of digital altering such as airbrushing out a person but forgetting to remove that person's hand from the shoulder of a body, or moving a leg in such a way that its position looks anatomically impossible.

But the worst use is altering women's photos to conform to an impossible physical standard of what the fashion world deems perfection. For example, slender models are made to look emaciated by shrinking their waists, paring their hips, creating virtually nonexistent thighs while, of course, enhancing their breasts.

Have you picked up a fashion magazine and noticed that the woman on the cover has absolutely no lines on her face? I come from a family where we lament the bags under our eyes, which develop with age. I'm particularly aware that women in fashion magazines miraculously have not the slightest wrinkle or lines beneath their eyes.

A quick Internet search revealed before and after photos of women whose faces look normal and lived in — a slight bag here, a laugh line there. Magically airbrushed away, these women's faces on magazine covers now glow unlined with a preternatural radiance that makes you dash to the mirror and ask, "What happened to me?" That is, if you believe what you see in those magazines.

Hopefully, some of us have developed the sophistication and maturity to ignore these false presentations. But for kids, it's often a different story. Millions of teenage girls read magazines that present pictures that tout inhuman perfection.

I've always admired those English actors who seem to live beautifully into their own skins. In the movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," you see examples of women — foremost among them, Maggie Smith (of "Downton Abbey" fame) and Judi Dench — aging gracefully and beautifully. Obviously, they are women who take care of themselves, stay healthy and fit, yet are comfortable displaying the signs of the years that they've earned.

As we age, do we aspire to look like Joan Rivers, with her self-admitted scores of plastic surgeries, or Judi Dench? I'll take Dench.

But will our kids have any role models with those values? What does watching these representations do to a kid's self-image?

Cosmetic surgery is skyrocketing. While Americans grow more overweight, eating disorders among the young increase dramatically.

The Christian Science Monitor quotes Lynn Grefe, president of the National Eating Disorders Association, as saying that 40 percent of new cases of anorexia are girls 15 to 19.

This distortion of the body, and the abuse that often results, runs counter to our values as Christian Catholics, and it impacts our daughters' mental health. Let's join Julia's crusade to influence more teen magazines and have a conversation with our kids about what they're reading.

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VIEW FROM THE PEW

The forgiveness quest

A band of visionaries search for a golden virtue in the harsh world of politics

Here's a word you haven't heard in the context of this election year and it's not in the vocabulary of politics in any old year.

As we are battered with campaign rhetoric full of accusations, threats and dire predictions, words that may come to the mind of a weary, cynical citizen might be disgust, dismay, exasperation, outrage, anger, dread, fear. Or worst of all, apathy.

But there's a band of visionaries in our midst who believe the new power word is forgiveness.

A crowd of people will be talking about forgiveness Sunday, Aug. 5, but not in the context of a religious service.

"Forgiveness in Politics and Law" is the theme of the free public event from 4 to 7 p.m. at the State Capitol auditorium. It is sponsored by the Hawaii Forgiveness Project, a gang of thinkers and dreamers who actually believe forgiveness could be at the core of our society's values, affecting decision-making and civil behavior and free speech among us all.

Billed as a family festival, the program will honor two "heroes" of forgiveness and feature presentations by slack key musician Keola Beamer, and by local writers and artists who evoke imagery of forgiveness in their work. A former politician will share stories from her years in the competitive arena of the state Legislature.

Specific invitations went out to state and county lawmakers and executive branch department heads. It will be interesting to watch how many of those will show up and how long they can sit still in the spotlight of the simple, but oh-so-hard to practice, concept.

The Hawaii Forgiveness Project will issue a "kahea," a call, to people in public life and the general population who put them there. They hope to inspire a climate change, from the heat of attacking opponents and their ideas to a cool sense of respect and cooperative spirit that could last beyond a campaign.

'To fix what needs to be fixed'

"It will be a call for forgiveness," said Michael North, a leader of the project. He said the aim is to stimulate our community "to fix what

needs to be fixed, in our hearts, in our government, our neighborhood, our family.

"It is a call to fundamental democracy. Democracy means the will of the people, it directs the actions of government, lawmakers, executive branch, judges ... they are all an expression of our will.

"I would hope people will stop feeling victimized by government. The government has to come from us, it's not a separate force. We are responsible."

North and others in the Hawaii Forgiveness Project are not just dreamers. He is president of Greenstar Corp., an international technology company and America-China Bridge, a company fostering cooperation between the two countries. Honolulu attorney Roger Epstein is another of the founders, who launched the project 10 years ago. At monthly meetings and an annual awareness-raising event, they work to keep the idea of forgiveness as a goal for our community.

While the businessman-dreamer waxed poetic about the group's goal to set into motion a "process of transformation" in which "forgiveness opens the door, leads to unity, truth ... the soul," I daydreamed:

What would it look like to institutionalize forgiveness in the political process? In those debates with candidates propped by their podiums and the question person trying to generate some heat, could we have a conscience person to chime in "how rude" or "you owe an apology" for lying or defaming.

Shall we set up desks in the chambers of the state Legislature with referees who would cry "foul" or send offenders to the penalty box?

Who can even imagine forgiveness on the national political stage. If any Congress member, or presidential candidate, ever started to stray down the slippery slope of forgiveness, there'd be a party posse riding them down.

No, we all know, even the dreamers, that something as important as forgiveness cannot be enforced or even forced to take root.

North said that the kahea, the call to awareness, is not about "pointing the finger, not seeking to find blame or seeking to punish people. We want to create a post-partisan cli-

mate. A person can be a Democrat, can be a Republican. But we hold them to developing a more forgiving attitude to each other."

Former legislator Lyla Berg will speak on the theme, using anecdotes from her six years as state representative for Aina Haina and Niu Valley.

She said many would say "forgiveness in politics is an oxymoron.

"There is so much negative energy out there. We're demonizing people rather than looking at the structure, and the content of their position. We criticize politicians, but first we need to evaluate the person. Is he honest? We can disagree on one issue, but maybe take a chance on him again.

"We have a right to free speech, but we have a human obligation to be respectful to other people."

Berg said common wisdom in politics today is "If we forgive, it means we'll forget what happened; it put us in the mess we're in and there's someone responsible who created the problem. But if you aim at finding a person to blame, you'll be distracted from finding a solution."

Berg, a former teacher and school principal, is a founder of Kids Voting Hawaii, through which hundreds of island public and private school children participate in balloting parallel to the real thing by adult voters.

Maryknoll Sister Joan Chatfield will be saluted as one of the "heroes of forgiveness" for her decades of involvement in interfaith and social justice programs including the Hawaii Forgiveness Project. Also to be honored is psychologist and author Chuck Spezzano, founder of Psychology of Vision International, whose seminars and lectures teach that forgiveness is a major aspect of personal development and healing.

The text of the kahea will be presented to the Sunday crowd, and eventually be found on hawaii-forgivenessproject.com.

It's a little too long to use as a punchline on the subject of forgiveness.

But there's a familiar text on the subject, for the politicians and for ourselves. It should be in our DNA as Christians. We will be recalling it at Sunday Mass in the words of its Divine Author: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."



Father Kenneth
Doyle
QUESTION CORNER

Catechesis

Celibacy explained

Q Lately, a fair number of clergy from other religious denominations who have converted to Catholicism have been permitted to become Roman Catholic priests and retain their marital status. This raises for me the following question: If the Catholic Church is allowing this, why not change the celibacy requirement and permit all Catholic priests to marry? I'm wondering, first, what the rationale is for the rule of celibacy and second, how Catholic priests ordained as celibates feel about this new permission. (Columbia, Mo.)

A In 1980, Pope John Paul II issued a "pastoral provision" that said Protestant and Anglican clergymen who wished to become Catholic priests could do so and remain married. Since then, about 100 men in the United States have been ordained as Roman Catholic priests, according to this provision.

Many Catholics do not know that the Roman Catholic Church had married priests up until the First Lateran Council in 1123, when celibacy became the rule for Latin-rite Catholic priests. The rationale for the discipline of celibacy is threefold: It most closely mirrors Christ, who was unmarried; it demonstrates that love can be real and strong without being physical, which is said to reflect the eternal life of heaven; and, as Paul indicated in 1 Corinthians (7:32), it allows a man to be free from the cares of raising a family, so that he can focus all of his energies on the work of the Lord.

Your question as to how Catholic priests ordained as celibates feel about this pastoral provision is a good one, and I can only answer it anecdotally from random conversations I've had with priests. Some, I suppose, do harbor a bit of envy that those newly ordained as Catholic clergy under this provision can continue to enjoy family life with a wife and children, a choice that was not open to us when we were ordained.

But for the most part, Catholic priests seem grateful that they will be helped in their ministry by this new pool of clergy. What bothers a fair number of longtime priests is that there are several thousand men in the U.S. who left the Catholic priesthood (mainly in the 1960s and 1970s) to marry and whose talents and background would render them equally suitable for ministry or more so.

Putting a grandmother's funeral worries to rest

Q My grandmother, who is in a nursing home, has used her life's savings to pay for her care. Now she is on Medicaid and any income that she has (namely, her Social Security monthly check) goes directly to the nursing home. (She is allowed \$30 a month to pay for her personal needs.) For 35 years, she has been a member of our local Catholic parish. She owns a burial plot in our parish cemetery and has her funeral expenses prepaid. For many years, she contributed to the financial support of our parish but because of her current limited income, she is now unable to do so. She is terribly worried that the parish might refuse to host her funeral Mass and provide for her burial because she is not an active donor. If you could tell me the church's position on this, perhaps I could put her mind at ease. (New Jersey)

A I feel sad, and even a bit embarrassed, that such a question would even occur to your grandmother. Please assure her that her parish will certainly be willing to celebrate her funeral rites. First of all, even by right, this would seem the only logical conclusion from Canon No. 1176 of the Code of Canon Law, which says, "Deceased members of the Christian faithful must be given ecclesiastical funerals according to the norm of law" and from Canon No. 1177, which provides that "a funeral for any deceased member of the faithful must generally be celebrated in his or her parish church."

Leaving the law aside, Christian charity should dictate the decision. I don't know of any pastor — and hope that none exists — who would refuse to host your grandmother's liturgy because of her understandable inability to contribute to the parish financially. (As a matter of fact, for the past 20 years as a pastor, I have made it a point never to look at the figures for an individual's parish donations so that my judgment will never be colored by those numbers.)

I know of parishes that decline to celebrate the funerals or weddings of someone who is neither registered as a parishioner nor regularly attends services there. These tend to be larger city parishes that serve as a mecca for families desiring a funeral or a wedding because of the church's particular beauty or convenience — and which often these days are staffed by only one priest. Such a guideline is probably reasonable in those circumstances. My tendency is to accommodate anyone who wants to come — grateful simply because the family wants a religious setting for their service.



Pope Benedict XVI leads the Angelus from the window of his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, Italy, July 22. The pope expressed his sadness over the July 20 tragedy in Aurora, Colo., saying he was "deeply shocked by the senseless violence." A gunman killed at least a dozen people and injured dozens more during a midnight showing of the new Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises."



Msgr. Owen F.
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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I am the bread of life

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

The Book of Exodus provides us with the first reading in this weekend's Liturgy of the Word.

As the name implies, this book of the Bible traces the path of the Hebrews as they fled Egypt, under the leadership of Moses, and proceeded across the desolate Sinai peninsula en route to the land God had promised them.

A trip across Sinai today on a paved highway and in a modern vehicle is no delight. Still, the land in general is unoccupied. It is arid and unappealing. When the Hebrews crossed this territory, the circumstances were even more forbidding. Of course, they were traveling on foot. They were exposed to the heat of the day and the chill of the night. The peninsula offered little by way of food or drink.

Nevertheless, Moses urged them onward. Constantly, he reminded them that God had prepared a place for them, a "land flowing with milk and honey."

Following Moses at times seemed to the Hebrews to mean that they were wandering farther and farther away from civilization and from security. Deeper and deeper they marched into the unknown and the inhospitable.

So, they grumbled. This reading from Exodus captures some of their complaints. They were hungry.

Moses challenged them even

more to trust in God. Miraculously, they discovered one morning that the ground was covered with a substance that indeed they could eat. They called it "manna." Without this food, they would have starved.

Modern scholars do not know exactly what was this substance suddenly found on the ground. In any case, the vital point for the Hebrews was that this substance arrived precisely when they needed food, and precisely after they had prayed for food. God provided for them. God works through nature. The fact that the manna had natural origins in no way diminishes the fact of the miracle.

For the second reading, the church offers the Epistle to the Ephesians. This epistle calls upon the Christians of Ephesus to recognize Jesus, the Lord, as the source of all wisdom. He is the source of all goodness.

St. John's Gospel offers the last reading. As was the case with the Hebrews in the story from Exodus, the contemporaries of Jesus looked for signs and wanted salvation on their own terms.

In this reading, the Lord presents salvation as God's gift. Jesus bears this salvation. He is the "bread of life". In Exodus, earlier in these readings, the story of the manna was told. It rescued the starving Hebrews feeling from Egypt. Without manna, they would have starved to death.

Pope Benedict XVI
CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy

Praying for peace through Olympics

By Catholic News Service

Pope Benedict XVI expressed his hope that the Summer Olympics would help bring peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

The Olympic Games, held this year in London, are "the greatest sports event in the world," drawing athletes from the myriad nations of the world to one city, the pope told visitors gathered to pray the Angelus with him July 22 at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo.

The games have "important symbolic value," and for that reason the Catholic Church looks to them "with special fondness and attention," he said.

"I send greetings to the organizers, athletes and spectators alike, and pray that, in the spirit of the Olympic truce, the good will generated by this international sporting event may bear fruit, promoting peace and reconciliation throughout the world," he said.

The Olympic truce tradition, originating in 8th-century B.C. Greece, asked that all wars and conflict be suspended before and during the games as a way make sure participants could travel to and from the venue safely.

The pope said he prayed the Olympics would be "a true experience of brotherhood between all peoples on earth."

God provided. God gave them life.

Exodus did not use the term "bread of life" in referring to manna. Nevertheless, the connection between the event in Exodus and the words of Jesus would have been clear when Jesus spoke.

God is the giver of life. We consume what life-giving provision God gives us, however.

Then Jesus states, "I am the bread of life."

Reflection

The first verses in the reading from John are very informative. Jesus and the Apostles have left the crowd. The crowd searches for them. The crowd wants Jesus, because Jesus means so much to them. They need Jesus and they know it, although their knowledge is not that crisply focused.

We need Jesus. First, we are vulnerable to death and, specifically, to spiritual death.

These readings are not gloomy reminders of this possibility. Rather, with excitement and hope, they reassure us. Again and again God has answered our needs. He has given us access to everlasting life.

Jesus the "bread of life," given us by God's love. If we accept Jesus, if we worthily consume this bread in the Eucharist, Jesus is part of us. He lives in us. We live in Jesus.

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Spiritual life



Father Ron Rolheiser

Our misunderstandings about suicide

Every year I write an article on suicide because so many people have to live with the pain of losing a loved one in this way. I rarely go for even a week without receiving a letter, an email or a phone call from someone who has just lost a family member to suicide. In virtually every case, there is a corresponding sorrow that there really isn't a lot of material out there, religious or secular, to help console those left bereaved.

A friend of mine, who through some very dark years has had to work through the pain of losing her husband to suicide, plans one day to write a book to try to offer consolation to those left behind. There is a desperate need for just such a book.

When someone close to us dies by suicide, we live with a pain that includes confusion ("Why?"), guilt ("What might we still have done?"), misunderstanding ("This is the ultimate form of despair") and, if we are believers, deep religious anxiety as well ("How does God treat such a person? What's to be his or her eternal destiny?")

What needs to be said about suicide? At the risk of repeating what I have been writing year after year:

First, that it's a disease, something that in most cases takes a person out of life against his or her will, the emotional equivalent of cancer, a stroke or a heart attack. Second, that we, the loved ones who remain, should not spend undue time and energy second-guessing as to how we might have failed that person, what we should have noticed, and what we might still have done to prevent the suicide.

Suicide is an illness and, as with a purely physical disease, we can love someone and still not be able to save him or her from death. God too loved this person and, like us, could not interfere with his or her freedom. Finally, we shouldn't worry too much about how God meets our

loved one on the other side. God's love, unlike ours, goes through locked doors, descends into hell, and breathes out peace where we can't. Most people who die by suicide will awake on the other side to find Christ standing inside their locked doors, inside the heart of their chaos, breathing out peace and gently saying: "Peace be with you!"

But I also receive a lot of very critical letters every year suggesting that I am making light of suicide by seeming to lessen its ultimate taboo and thus making it easier for people to do the act: Wasn't it G.K. Chesterton himself who said that, by killing yourself, you insult every flower on earth? What about this?

Chesterton is correct, when suicide is indeed a despairing act within which one kills oneself. But in most suicides, I suspect, this is not the case because there is huge distinction between falling victim to suicide and killing oneself.

In suicide, a person, through illness of whatever sort, is taken out of life against his or her will. Many of us have known loved ones who died by suicide and we know that in almost every case that person was someone who was the antithesis of the egoist, the narcissist, the overproud, hardened, unbending person who refuses, through pride, to take his or her place in the humble and broken scheme of things. Usually it's the opposite. The person who dies by suicide has cancerous problems

precisely because he or she is too sensitive, too wounded, too raw, and too bruised to possess the necessary toughness needed to absorb life's many blows.

I remember comment I once heard at a funeral. We had just buried a young man who, suffering from clinical depression, had committed suicide. The priest had preached badly, hinting that this suicide was somehow the man's own fault and that suicide was always the ultimate act of despair. At the reception afterward a neighbor of the man who had died came up and expressed his displeasure at the priest's remarks: "There a lot of people in the world who should kill themselves, but they never will! But this man is the last person who should have killed himself; he was the most sensitive person I've ever met!" Too true.

Killing yourself is something different. It's how some of the Hitlers pass out of this life. Hitler, in fact, did kill himself. In such a case, the person is not too sensitive, too self effacing, and too bruised to touch others and be touched. The opposite. The person is too proud to accept his or her place in a world that, at the end of the day, demands humility of everyone.

There is an infinite distance between an act done out of weakness and one done out of strength. Likewise there is an absolute distinction between being too bruised to continue to touch life and being too proud to continue to take one's place within it. Only the latter makes a moral statement, insults the flowers, and challenges the mercy of God.

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Father John Catoir

God's hidden plan for you and your body

You are not your body. Your body is mortal, but you are immortal.

The body you have is made up of trillions of cells. In a sense, you are still young. In terms of eternity, however, you have not been born yet.

This knowledge, as strange as it is to comprehend, has been revealed to us from above. It is that higher form of knowledge we call faith.

The promise of an everlasting life awaiting you is something you can believe or not believe. If you believe, then you also know that the good you do in this life will live after you. Life is a test, and all of your actions are consequential.

There is good reason to believe in heaven and the miracle of your resurrection. If you do, you will live at a higher level of happiness. Instead of being in constant fear of the future, here and in the hereafter, you will live in a spirit of hope.

Looking back at your baby pictures, you know that your body has evolved over the years. You also know that one day it will dissolve into dust. Those are stark facts. What you do not know, however, is how your current body will be transformed into a beautiful, risen body. You are still too young to understand.

You are alive because of a program that is hidden from you.

Albert Einstein said, "There are two ways to live: You can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle."

You are alive because of a program that is hidden from you.

Are you a believer?

A believer is not at odds with science. You can learn about several physical functions your body performs, which, though hidden from your eyes, are designed to sustain your life.

What makes your heart beat? Some say "electrical impulses," but where do they come from? What keeps your temperature regulated, and

your nerve and hormonal activity functioning? Why are you still alive?

To the nonbeliever, these are merely natural phenomena. To the believer, they are signs of God's mysterious wisdom.

His intelligent design gives you an innate sense of life's meaning. God wants you to share his happiness. Your body, which has carried you through life, will one day be replaced with a new one.

God has an eternal resting place in store for you, and in order to enjoy it, he has arranged for you to be forever young, healthy and beautiful.



Myfaith

Sister Alma Esmero, Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres
VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

Interviewed by Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
Special to the Herald

Secrets of a catechist: regularity, silence, study

I am proud to be called a catechist. Last year at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church, we instructed 363 students from pre-K through eighth grade as well as Confirmation 1 and II, through our religious education program. As catechists, we are bringing the message of God to his people. This work is a little different from the ordinary, because it is so much linked to God. Therefore, to be good catechists, it is important to develop the spiritual life to make ourselves good instruments for God's work.

Regularity in our prayer life is of first importance in developing the spiritual life. I don't want to begin the day without prayer. In my religious community, we pray morning and evening prayers together. We also attend daily Mass. On an individual level, we each spend 30 minutes in the morning in meditation and a half hour in eucharistic visit in the evening.

During the day, there are other devotionals like the rosary and extra prayers that we say. I'm fortunate my office is close to the church. The chapel is right there, offered to me, waiting for me. We only need to begin by desiring to pray, and letting God know of that desire by making time to go to a quiet place and opening our hearts.

Developing a love of silence is also an important part of tuning in deeper to God's ways and message so that we can share more with others. Many of us are afraid of silence. I know many who just don't like silence. They become awkward when there is a lot of silence and always want to find things to do, things to read, others to talk to, etc. We have become so uncomfortable with silence. And

yet, it is in silence where we find God.

As catechists, silence entails doing our work in a reflective way. When we approach our work peacefully and quietly, we can get in touch with the core, with the source of our life and the source of our wisdom. I really believe that this is the work of God and he is the one to do his work. Sometimes when things get really rough, I stop for a while, breathe and take some quiet time to get in touch with the Lord that he may guide me in what to do next. We need to practice taking daily moments of silent time for ourselves, so we can teach others how to get back to God.

Study helps us to sharpen ourselves as better instruments for God's use. Reading the Bible, especially the daily readings for Mass is important. Don't be afraid to take the Bible in hand, open it and ask God to be with you as you read through a passage either aloud or in silence. Let the passage sit with you. Then read it again, and a third time. Let the Holy Spirit pour over you. And, if there is a particular word or phrase that speaks to you, repeat it. For example, "I call you by name." Just keep that in your mind, "I call you by name ... I call you by name ..." Later on that phrase will tell you things beyond your feelings or realizations. Let God speak to you and you will really be inspired.

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Kathleen T. Choi
IN LITTLE WAYS

Watching for (c)

There's a story in the Acts of the Apostles that always gets me thinking. It comes in the first chapter, right between the Ascension and Pentecost. The disciples decide they need to pick someone to replace Judas. They had been twelve. They need to be twelve again. They figure Judas' replacement should be someone who was with them from the beginning. Two men fit the bill, so they cast lots, and Matthias wins.

I'm sure Matthias was a fine man, but I think the apostles jumped the gun. They assumed that they knew what qualified a man for this new position of apostle. They told God, "Pick (a) or (b)." But God was working on (c). That man had never met Jesus and certainly never followed him. In fact, in the next few chapters, we'll see him eagerly persecuting Christians. Yet Paul would undergo one of the most dramatic conversions in church history and powerfully fulfill Christ's command to be his witness "even to the ends of the earth."

Every time I read this passage, I wonder if I'm limiting God's options as well. Am I assuming the only answers are (a) or (b)? Am I open to receiving (c) instead?

I have a friend who was suddenly stricken with a physical disability. We attended several healing services asking that she be made whole again. We saw it as an (a) or (b), yes or no, situation. But God did (c). The disability remained, but ... My friend had been deeply hurt by a family member. As she prayed over and over for healing, she found her bitterness over that betrayal draining away. She was finally able to forgive. She said that being freed of that burden was a more precious gift than any physical cure.

One of my favorite books is Corrie Ten Boom's "The Hiding Place." Nazis sent Corrie and her sister to a concentration camp as punishment for helping Jews. First they prayed for freedom. Then they asked God to use them in this place. They prayed and read the Bible. More and more prisoners joined them, and the atmosphere in their barracks changed. Corrie could give thanks for that but not for the fleas. They were a constant misery. Then her sister pointed out that gatherings as large as their prayer group were forbidden. However, guards were so reluctant to enter their infested barracks that they could worship more openly than other prisoners.

Too often, we pray about major problems with little hope that God will act.

God didn't (a) rescue them or (b) abandon them. He did (c). He showed them how to be "more than conquerors."

A popular phrase among charismatic Christians is, "Pray expecting." Too often, we pray about major problems with little hope that sGod will act. We ask him to find us a job, save our marriage or heal a loved one, but we don't really expect him to answer. That would take a miracle, and miracles seldom happen. Perhaps we'd see more miracles if we included (c) in our petitions: "Lord, please act in this situation." Maybe unemployment will continue, but we'll find something special to do with this time. Maybe the marriage can't be saved, but we can learn to treat each other decently. Maybe our loved one will die, but we can savor every remaining minute.

Expecting (c) is an act of faith. Instead of focusing on whether we'll get what we want, we open our eyes to what God wants to give. Faith is a conversation. We tell God what's in our hearts. Then we stay alert. His response might not be what we had hoped for, but it will always be a blessing.

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John Garvey
INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

Fulton Sheen, apostle of television

Two weeks ago the Congregation for Saints' Causes recognized the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as one of heroic virtue and granted him the title "venerable." It is a step toward beatification. He now needs a miracle attributed to his intercession to proceed.

Archbishop Sheen graduated from The Catholic University of America in 1920. He received his doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, in 1923, and won the Cardinal Mercier Prize for International Philosophy, given once each decade. He then taught at The Catholic University of America from 1926 to 1950.

He was a force of nature. By 1940, in addition to his classes, he was meeting 150 speaking engagements per year. He also did the "Catholic Hour" radio show to which he first owed his celebrity. It was heard by millions from 1930 to 1950. Evangelist Billy Graham called him "one of the greatest preachers of this century." Catholic Church historian Msgr. John Tracy Ellis said Archbishop Sheen was the 20th-century's most famous Catholic preacher.

In 1951, Archbishop Sheen began his television career. His half-hour ABC show, "Life Is Worth Living," was a media sensation. The archbishop would talk straight through the show with no notes, no props — except his blackboard.

My earliest memory of television is sitting at my great-grandparents' home on Sunday evening, watching that program in black and white with my great-uncles and -aunts. Archbishop Sheen won an Emmy for Most Outstanding Television Personality, besting Edward R. Murrow, Lucille Ball and Arthur Godfrey.

It's hard to imagine someone like Archbishop Sheen even appearing on television today, let alone winning an Emmy. Some might say he couldn't measure up to modern shows in entertainment value. I doubt this. I think it has more to do with the changed expectations of television audiences or producers. The archbishop's show demanded more of the viewer than today's programs, which viewers watch to be entertained or titillated (notice the passive voice).

The Sunday night lineup, where Archbishop Sheen once appeared, now runs such lazy fare as "Big Brother" and "Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition." Until recently, it included "Desperate Housewives."

Compare this to a program Archbishop Sheen did in 1956 about gloom as a neurosis. He discussed the theme of despair in modern literature. He reminded viewers how French existentialist writer Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit" ends with the observation that "hell is other people," and observed that the intense egotism of such works

leads to a curious kind of self-pity.

"Life is Worth Living" also came with a distinctive point of view. Archbishop Sheen argued for objective moral standards in society and maintained a certainty about religion. He condemned Josef Stalin and communism, famously presaging the Soviet leader's death one week before it happened. He denounced racism and the excesses of capitalism.

In today's television scene, the only permissible philosophical premise is that each person has his own truth. What's right or good for me may not be right or good for you, and that's OK. In a world governed by this assumption, the only necessary virtue is tolerance; and the only vice is hypocrisy.

A prophet like Archbishop Sheen would be out of place in such a world. Preachers like him appeal to people who think their lives have a meaning, that life's questions have true and false answers. Someone who is actively searching for those answers, not passively waiting to be entertained, will find real value in a half-hour of conversation with a thoughtful guide. And Archbishop Sheen earned his popularity, I think, by paying his viewers the compliment of supposing that that's what they were looking for.

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Saints

Blessed Franz Jagerstatter

1907 - 1943

August 9



This Austrian farmer and parish sexton had done his basic training in Hitler's army in 1940-41, but refused to serve active duty in 1943. A military court in Berlin sentenced him to death as "an enemy of the state," and he was beheaded Aug. 9, 1943. In prison awaiting his fate, he wrote about a dream he'd had in 1938. In it, many people were boarding a new train, but he heard the announcer say, "This train is bound for hell." For him, the train symbolized the evils of Nazism, and he had become a conscientious objector. His wife and three daughters were still living when he was beatified in Austria in 2007.

Diversions



Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

It's back-to-school time, Heraldites. Gather up your tablets and pens, and take some notes from the following set of questions.

1) Saints

The feast day of St. Lawrence is celebrated on Aug. 10. Which of the following is he a patron of? Hint: He was martyred on a grill.

- a) Musicians
- b) Fishermen
- c) Attorneys
- d) Cooks

2) Scripture

Complete the following line from the Gospel reading (John 6:24-35) for Sunday, Aug. 5: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never _____."

- a) Sin

- b) Fear
- c) Perish
- d) Hunger

3) Pope

"Deus Caritas Est" is the title of the first encyclical written by Pope Benedict XVI. What does "Deus Caritas Est" translate to from Latin?

- a) "God is Love"
- b) "Do Unto Others"
- c) "Two Sacred Hearts"
- d) "Faith is Eternal"

4) Schools

Which of the following Catholic universities is NOT run by the Marianists?

- a) Chaminade University of Honolulu
- b) Boston College
- c) University of Dayton

- d) St. Mary's University (San Antonio, Texas)

5) Devotions

In the standard Dominican rosary, what is the Third Sorrowful Mystery?

- a) Scourging at the pillar
- b) The crucifixion
- c) Crowning with thorns
- d) Agony in the garden

6) Hawaii's Beatified

True or false: There is a parish in Hawaii named after Blessed Marianne Cope.

- a) True
- b) False

7) Other religions

What is the name of the Muslim holiday that celebrates the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting?

- a) Eid al Fitr
- b) Laylat al-Qadr
- c) Hajj
- d) Day of Arafat

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

Ordinary Time



"I thought we retired last May."

Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi

Scripture search

PAT KASTEN

Gospel for August 5, 2012

John 6:24-35

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: lessons about eternal food. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

- RABBI
- FOOD
- FATHER
- ANSWERED
- BELIEVE
- MOSES
- WORLD
- SAW SIGNS
- THAT ENDURES
- SET HIS SEAL
- THE ONE
- MANNA
- BREAD
- NEVER
- LOAVES
- ETERNAL
- WORKS OF GOD
- MAY SEE
- HEAVEN
- LIFE
- HUNGER

ENDURING

J O L A E S S I H T E S
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Catholic crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Youth Day
- 6 First man
- 10 "Yeah, right!"
- 14 Shed
- 15 Biblical epic starring Burton and Mature (with "The")
- 16 Wife of a rajah
- 17 Head pest
- 18 Flirtatious girl
- 19 Actor, Nicholas
- 20 Stayed with
- 22 "And who is my _____?" (Lk 10:29)
- 24 Prepare for publication
- 26 Color TV pioneer
- 27 Pen
- 28 Scholar's world
- 32 Latin for "to pray"
- 34 Catholic TV sitcom actor, Newhart
- 35 Negative cash flow
- 37 Holy Book
- 41 Cyberzine
- 43 Relinquish
- 45 Sound of a cat
- 46 Not a winner
- 48 Kind of tot?
- 50 Decease
- 51 Mon. in which All Saints' Day is celebrated
- 53 Unmusical
- 55 Aves.
- 58 Liquid used in some sacraments
- 60 Musical composition for one
- 61 Jesus said of them, "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mk 10:14)
- 64 Free from danger
- 68 Pertaining to Mars
- 69 Scottish Celt
- 71 Son of Jacob
- 72 Prefix with watt
- 73 "This _____ sudden!"
- 74 Sea mammals
- 75 Hammerhead
- 76 Home in a tree
- 77 First name in cosmetics

Answer to previous puzzle



DOWN

- 1 "...through the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps 23:4)
- 2 Native American
- 3 Sign on again
- 4 Endured
- 5 Feared greatly
- 6 "He has shown might with his _____" (Magnificat)
- 7 Murder
- 8 Son of Ner
- 9 Our Lady of Guadalupe is
- patroness of this country
- 10 Diocese opening
- 11 Swedish imports
- 12 Bar
- 13 Intensely ardent
- 21 Measured
- 23 Clothes
- 25 Dalai Lama's homeland
- 28 Fourth person
- 29 Catholic singer Perry
- 30 French protest cry
- 31 Target
- 33 Goal
- 36 Along with Timothy, he was a disciple of Paul
- 38 Medieval English monk
- 39 Grandmother of Timothy
- 40 Female sheep
- 42 The flood is found here
- 44 Male voice
- 47 Large crucifix
- 49 Free from confinement
- 52 The Blessed _____ Mary
- 54 Not profits
- 55 Rascal
- 56 Number of Persons in God
- 57 Attack
- 59 Contract
- 62 Bank transaction
- 63 Monster loch
- 65 Converse
- 66 River in Africa
- 67 Gaelic
- 70 Nephew of Abraham

On top of the world

RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazilian beach volleyball player Maria Elisa Antonelli credits her Salesian education with teaching her valuable lessons of discipline and humility and helping her recognize her potential. "It's a dif-



ferent sort of school, offering the students a privileged path, and it was there that I first began playing volleyball," Antonelli, 28, told the Salesian Info Agency during a visit to her alma mater, the Salesian St. Joseph Institute in Resende. "I'm very proud and grateful for all those who have been and are part of my development in volleyball. If I have got where I am, I owe a lot to the Salesians, and now I count on all their support."

AGANA, Guam

Sixteen-year-old Pilar Shimizu is no stranger to setting records. Not only is she the youngest



athlete ever to represent Guam at the Olympics, the rising senior at St. Thomas Aquinas

Catholic High School also will be the first female in 20 years to represent the island nation in swimming when she competes in London. Pilar's mom, Jeni Shimizu, said her daughter has learned how to stay focused on reaching goals and has come to appreciate the sacrifice it takes to become a world-class athlete. (Catholic News Service)

Vacation vigilance

VATICAN CITY

Going on vacation must not be an occasion to relax one's commitment to saving energy and protecting the environment, the Vatican said. Tourism can have "a serious environmental impact owing, among other factors, to the immoderate consumption of energy resources" and an increase in pollution and waste, said a message from the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers. The message, released July 25, was written in preparation for the observance Sept. 27 of World Tourism Day, an event promoted by the United Nations World Tourism Organization. The day's theme is "Tourism & Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development." The Vatican office called for support of tourist programs that are energy-efficient, have the least environmental impact possible and favor the use of renewable energy sources. (Catholic News Service)

Tied in knots

WASHINGTON

A tree with a scar that appears to resemble Our Lady of Guadalupe caught the attention of West New York, N.J., residents last month, though a Newark Archdiocese official says the mark is "a natural occurrence" as determined by a local priest. Still, Jim Goodness told Catholic News Service July 17 that he hopes people who view the scar are inspired to think more deeply about their faith. The "Virgin Mary tree," which is now cordoned off and under supervision by city police and volunteers, has been seen by hundreds since July 14, according to news reports. But some local businesses are less than pleased by the attention, with one owner saying business has fallen dramatically since the faithful and curious began visiting the area.

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FOR THE
YOUNG ADULT
CATHOLIC

Movie review | The Dark Knight Rises

Can lightning strike thrice?

By Adam Shaw

Catholic News Service

Paradoxically, sometimes success at the box office can turn out to be a burden for a movie director. Having created one popular picture, Hollywood helmers can find themselves faced with impossible expectations for the sequel.

That problem is especially acute in the case of Christopher Nolan's "Dark Knight" trilogy, of which "The Dark Knight Rises" (Warner Bros.) is the final installment. Given that the feature stands in the shadow of 2005's successful reboot of the franchise, "Batman Begins," as well as 2008's "The Dark Knight" — a film described by some critics as one of the greatest movies of all time — the question arises: Can the director and co-writer (with his brother, Jonathan Nolan) make lightning strike thrice?

The answer is neither a conclusive yea nor a definitive nay. While this lavish closing chapter will certainly delight the Caped Crusader's dedicated fans, more casual viewers may find its 164-minute running time bloated and unwieldy.

Set eight years after "The Dark Knight," the latest adventure finds Batman's alter ego — billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) — injured, exiled and grief-stricken. The events of the previous film have not only deprived him of the company of his childhood friend and



Christian Bale stars as Batman in "The Dark Knight Rises."

love interest, Rachel Dawes, they've also made him an enemy in the eyes of the police and the public at large.

Yet, inevitably, Wayne and his chiropteran persona find themselves pulled out of retirement. Initially, that's due to the arrival on the scene of slippery cat burglar Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway) — a morally ambiguous character out to pilfer Wayne's jewels and flirt with him at the same time.

But it's the aptly named terrorist mastermind Bane (Tom Hardy) who really forces Batman to don the cowl once more. In the face of his criminal onslaught, the

cops — led by jaded commissioner James Gordon (Gary Oldman) — fall to pieces, despite the dedicated efforts of idealistic officer John Blake (Joseph Gordon-Levitt).

Hardy's Bane, a worthy successor to Heath Ledger's show-stealing Joker in the previous movie, seeks to claim the city of Gotham on behalf of "the people," thus providing a violent fictional twist on the real-life Occupy Wall Street movement.

Although Nolan's visual style favors the bombastic set piece, his screenplay evinces a surprising amount of humanity and emotion. Especially so as it shows us

the protagonist's touching relationship with long-serving butler Alfred (Michael Caine) who acted as a father figure to the young lad after Wayne's parents were murdered.

These personal touches accompany a message about self-sacrifice that makes more explicit than ever the altruism that has always characterized Bob Kane and Bill Finger's comic-book creation — who made his debut on the printed page in 1939. Batman's rejection of anger and revenge — as well as his refusal to employ unnecessary violence in fighting crime — are also emphasized.



Christina Capecchi

TWENTY SOMETHING

Mom's first pedicure: the theology of thrift

In 1963 my mom was a second grader at St. Joe's in West St. Paul, Minn., when Sister Marie Pauline asked her to stay after school. The petite, habited teacher held a lined sheet of paper bearing the mandated header JMJ in No. 2 pencil. It was Mom's penmanship exercise. Then she turned the sheet over and pointed to the bottom third, which was blank.

"I think you should pray about not being wasteful," Sister Marie Pauline said.

So began Mom's education in waste-not-want-not theology, a Great Depression mentality stitched together by the Baltimore Catechism in an era of big families and small houses and cloaked nuns living out a vow of poverty with bare faces and flat shoes.

My mom never forgot the after-school reprimand. She went on to use cloth diapers on her babies, training us to get four blows out of one tissue and to ration squares of toilet paper. She reuses tea bags and breaks sticks of gum in half. She mines

free bins at garage sales and combs drive-thrus for stray nickels. She is the queen of Walgreen's rebates.

Somewhere along the way Mom's cost cutting started to look like pleasure cutting, threatening to discount her own worth: a first-rate mother consigned to the second hand.

Throughout the course of my 20s, the gap between her lifestyle and mine has widened. I've kneeled at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem; she's been to the Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D. Mom didn't wear a lick of make-up on her wedding day; I hired a make-up artist to be a glamorous bride. The difference isn't an increment, but a leap. Is she depriving herself? Am I spoiled?

So this morning I took Mom to receive, at age 56, her first pedicure. Her freckled, size-8 feet have looked tired, her pinky toes, deeply creased.

Mom selected a copper polish — OPI's "It's my Prague-ative" — and I opted for a neon orange. "Do you



Christina and her Mom: time for more fun

have a coupon?" she whispered.

We slid onto our chairs, and the buffing began. "This is probably good for my circulation," Mom said.

A slim brunette arrived and was seated on my other side. She was stunned by Mom's late-in-life first: At 60, she said, she'd had hundreds of pedicures.

Once we moved to the nail dryers, Mom cited the Scripture that has fueled her

frugality: St. Paul's exhortation to the Philippians to be content "in every circumstance" — wherever you are, whatever you have. To Mom, that meant being satisfied with the status quo: modest rambler, old furniture, artificial Christmas tree.

But at some point in her 50s she could see she may have taken it too far, becoming "austere," even. It was time for more fun, she said, to rejoice in a broader

Movie ratings

The Dark Knight Rises .. A-III (PG-13)

Step Up Revolution A-III (PG-13)

The Watch O (R)

Across the Divide A-II (NR)

Conference of Catholic Bishops Office for Film & Broadcasting classifications: A-I — general patronage; A-II — adults and adolescents; A-III — adults; L — limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling; O — morally offensive.

Motion Picture Association of America ratings: G — general audiences, all ages admitted; PG — parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children; PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13; R — restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian; NC-17 — no one 17 or under admitted; NR — no rating.

So too, of course, is his desire to do good.

Nonetheless, the bone-breaking nature of the mayhem on display excludes the youngest batfans, who would also likely find their attention spans taxed by the lengthy proceedings. Some parents may, however, deem "The Dark Knight Rises" acceptable fare for older adolescents.

The film contains frequent and intense action violence, including gunplay, an implied nonmarital encounter, a few uses of profanity and some crass terms. 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.

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swath of God's creation. I've seen Mom pursue this: taking dance lessons, teaching herself harmonica and rock climbing in Alaska.

Our nails were dry by then, and I examined her smooth, soft feet. The toes of a teen on a middle-aged body!

Back home I Googled Philippians 4. Tinkering with my scrimp-splurge ratio feels like one of the more significant calculations of adulthood. I treat myself to a facial on every birthday, yet much of my wardrobe was gently used.

Turns out the sentence right before the "every circumstance" line tempers it all: "I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance." A permission slip from St. Paul for an occasional pedicure.

Mom's email came at 9:06 pm: "I'd do it again!"

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QUOTE

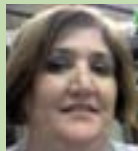
“Care of the earth is one of the seven principles of Catholic social teaching and I saw this as an ‘outside-of-the-box’ teaching moment.”

| Nan Onest, pastoral associate at Holy Name Catholic Church in Cedar Lake, Ind., on starting a community garden project at the parish

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Favorite food: Manicotti (my mom's recipe). It's light and delicious, heaven on a plate.

Island: Maui — every time I step off the plane on Maui the scenery takes my breath away and I just feel happy and the stress of everyday life disappears.

Parable: Light of the World, Mt 5:14-16 — I use it on retreats all the time.

Book: “The Giving Tree” by Shel Silverstein — it's a timeless classic about giving everything you have to give.

Prayer: Nicene Creed — it's everything I believe.

Church song: “On Eagle's Wings” — when I hear it I feel comfort, joy and that God is always watching out for me.

Gave up for Lent: Over the last few years I have been trying to do something that will make me a better person.

Best church: St. John Vianney — it's like coming home; my husband and I were married here, our children received their sacraments here and the community is like my extended family.

SAINTS UNDER 35

A precious flower

Kateri Tekakwitha, “The Lily of the Mohawks,” who died more than 300 years ago, will finally be canonized Oct. 21 — the first member of a North American tribe to become a saint in the Catholic Church. Tekakwitha was born to a Mohawk father and Christian Algonquin mother in



what is today upstate New York. A smallpox epidemic claimed both parents when Tekakwitha

was just 4 years old, and the disease also left her scarred and nearly blind. (The Mohawk name “Tekakwitha” means “bumps into things” in English.) She began studying Catholicism in secret at age 18, and was baptized by a Jesuit missionary at 20. However, her family and village ridiculed her — even sending her death threats — so she fled to a Christian village in Canada in 1677. There, Tekakwitha led a life devoted to chastity, prayer and penance. She worked with children, the sick and the elderly until her death in 1680 at age 24.

Summertime faith in action

By Darlene Dela Cruz
Hawaii Catholic Herald

As the month of July winds down and August begins, the time has come to say good-bye to the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer and return to a regular routine of school and [-groan-] other responsibilities.

For many, the June-August months exist to get refreshed at the beach, travel to a new part of the globe or try your hand at experiencing a new line of work. For some it is a time to stretch their faith in new directions.

The Hawaii Catholic Herald asked a few young adults in our diocese to submit photos and reflections on how they spent their summer. Here are three reports of summertime faith in action.

Got a summer story to share? Scan the QR code below to visit our HCH Facebook page, and send us a message!



Micah Arellano: medical student

Mission of mercy: Philippines

Written by his mom, Debra Arellano

Micah, (at right in photo), an altar server at Star of the Sea Church in Honolulu, traveled to the Philippines to join the Alay Sa Bayan Medical Mission in Calumpang Molo, Iloilo City. An undergrad student at the University of Hawaii, he was invited to the mission trip by Deacon Fernando Ona from Star of the Sea Church.

Micah, 20, was excited to be a part of this mission to serve the people of Iloilo City who do not have any basic medical care except what is provided by the missionaries.

The medical students and doctors saw more than 500 patients in three days. He stayed at a convent with the Dominican Sisters who fed him well, offered very nice hospitality and took him to daily Mass.

Another trip highlight was a visit with two Blessed Sacrament priests who had been at Star of the Sea, Father Pat Labasano and former brother and recently ordained Father Castanza Choi. Both send warm wishes to all in Hawaii!

Micah also toured the University of St. Thomas Medical School.

The food in the Philippines was delicious and he tried balut for the first time. Yummy! The people were so warm and open. Mahal ko ang pagkain at ang mga tao ng Pilipinas. (I love the people and food of the Philippines.)

He was so grateful for this experience. It opened his eyes to the needs of people who do not have everyday basic medical care. He said the mission trip has helped him discern his vocation. The doctor, the healer. Thank you Father Frankie of Star of the Sea for the public blessing over the mission. It was blessed!



Alfred Guerrero: seminarian

Liturgy and a side of fries

After graduating from Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, there was no time for much rest. My summer has been very busy.

I have been working for the Office of Worship and McDonald's.

At the diocesan Office of Worship, I had several projects. I also answered calls as they came.

In the evenings, I worked at a very busy McDonald's. My duties there included making sandwiches, customer service and training new employees.

On the weekends, I usually served as a master of ceremonies for Masses with Bishop Larry, went on mini-adventures with my brother seminarian E.J. Resinto, and spent time with family.

The highlight of my summer vacation was walking in the footsteps of St. Damien on Molokai, especially climbing the pali from Kalaupapa to Topside. I'm pictured below with other seminarians.



E.J. Resinto: seminarian

In the parish, the vibrant parish

As a first year theology seminarian for the Diocese of Honolulu, my first summer assignment was at the very vibrant, active, and culturally diverse Saint John the Baptist Parish in Kalihi.

Working with the pastor, Father John Fredy Quintero (I am standing above Father Quintero, right), was an awesome experience. He really gave me a foretaste of what parish life is and showed me how to live it with passion and joy.

Some of the parish projects I undertook this summer included coordinating the annual St. John the Baptist feast day Mass and reception, a ministry fair, day of recollection for catechists, Baptism classes and a Year of Faith presentation for various ministries and parish groups.

I also made time to enjoy being at home, hiking and going to the beach with friends and confreres. The people of St. John the Baptist have definitely captured my heart and am grateful to them for their love, support and kindness.

LISA'S CATECHISM CORNER
Church teaching explained to you



What is the communion of saints?

YOUCAT*: “The ‘communion of saints’ is made up of all men and women who have placed their hope in Christ and belong to him through Baptism, whether they have already died or are still alive. Because in Christ we are one Body; we live in a communion that encompasses heaven and earth. [CCC946-962]”

In the Apostles' Creed we profess: “I believe in the ... communion of saints.” But what is the communion of saints? The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that it's all of us – those living on earth, those in purgatory, and the souls in heaven. Yep, you and I belong to the communion of saints. This doctrine comes from our belief that, through our baptism in Christ, we are closely united as the Body of Christ. Have you ever asked your friends to pray for you? We depend on each others' prayers and good works. When people die, we pray for the repose of their souls, so that they may be at rest with God. And who hasn't asked a saint for an intercession? We ask those who live with God in heaven to pray for us and to inspire us, to be our role models. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. (1 Cor 12:26) #catholic

*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church
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MAKANA'S HELPFUL HINTS
Exciting ways to enhance young adult ministry

'Sorry ... I'm busy'

It's the classic young adult response when it comes to retreats. “Friday works, but Saturday morning is no good, so can I leave and come back?” or “I'm too busy Saturday night, so I can't make it for the whole retreat.” To avoid losing participants or having “partial participants,” try having a retreat during the week! Yes, I know this sounds a bit counter-intuitive, but hear me out. Some campus ministries have found this to be very popular.

Try splitting up the retreat into shorter increments each day during the week. During each day of the retreat, students commit half an hour of their free time to meet with spiritual mentors who help them discern God's will for them. The mentors also help students dedicate another half hour to personal prayer. Taking a “line” from the prayer buffet, retreatants are guided through different types of prayer that the mentors believe will help with the students' discernment. Each day begins and ends in either communal prayer or liturgy and, of course, food! See CMD's “Young Adult Works” Binder Series for more information.

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