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It's about cherishing life

Women, walking wounded from abortion, need healing, forgiveness, compassion, mercy

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz
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The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the first Sunday of October as "Respect Life Sunday," kicking off a month-long campaign for Catholics to pray for an end to societal injustices affecting human dignity.

Respect Life Month especially aims to rally the faithful around the injustice of abortion. This year's theme for the October campaign, "Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation," underscores the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. The USCCB chose a theme emphasizing an approach of love, humility and healing toward those who may be considering, or have in the past been affected by, abortion.

Here in the Islands, Respect Life Month is an especially poignant time for the women, men and families touched by the Rachel's Vineyard ministry. Rachel's Vineyard has been providing confidential retreats led by a team of dedicated volunteers who help ease the emotional and spiritual burdens that come with abortion.

Lisa Shorba, one of the volunteers who has been organizing Rachel's Vineyard retreats, echoes the USCCB's call for more compassion in addressing the abortion issue. *Continued on page 3*

A rainbow shines over Lisa Shorba, left, a volunteer with the Rachel's Vineyard retreat ministry, and retreat participant C.M. The ministry helps participants like C.M. heal from the emotional and spiritual burdens of abortion.



Bishop Larry Silva

MESSAGE TO PRIESTS, DEACONS, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Peace be with you!
Please **VOTE in the November 4 general election!**

When God gives us a gift, he expects that we use it for the good of all. We have been given the gift of living in a democratic country, and this blessing also involves a grave responsibility. We must participate in our government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” Voting is one of the concrete ways we can assure that the values we hold dear for the common good can be enshrined in the law of the land. We vote these values not only in particular questions or propositions, but by electing public servants who will work for the same values we know are so important.

Among the values that are essential are: respect for life from the moment of conception to natural death; the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman as the basis of the healthy family, which

leads to a healthy culture; care for the poor and most vulnerable; freedom based on the truth of the human person and religious freedom.

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their willingness to help raise our awareness of the need to use our God-given liberties for the good of all by helping us get out the vote. I encourage all to register (deadline: October 6, 2014), to ask for a permanent absentee ballot to make voting as easy as possible, to do the penance of studying the candidates and their stances and records, and to VOTE on or before November 4. May the Lord guide us and enlighten us all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

Equestrian order bishops

Bishop Larry Silva, second from left, joined other bishops, archbishops and cardinals at the altar during the Mass of Investiture for the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Oct. 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Waikiki.

The annual meeting of the order’s Western and Northwestern Lieutenantcies was held in Hawaii this year. More than 700 members, clergy and laity, attended the event. At the center is the order’s grand master, Cardinal Edwin F. O’Brien.

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Official notices

Bishop’s calendar

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

- October 10, 6:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Ewa Beach.
- October 11, 10:00 am, Celebration Mass for the Elevation of the Cathedral to a Minor Basilica and the Fifth Anniversary St. Damien’s

Canonization, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu.

- October 11-12, Episcopal Visitation, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Honokaa.
- October 14, 9:30 am, Bishop’s Administrative Advisory Council, Chancery, downtown Honolulu; 6:00 pm, Serra Club Priest Appreciation Dinner, Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki.

■ October 15, 10:30 am, Funeral Mass for Fr. James Anguay, SS.CC., St. Patrick Church, Kaimuki.

- October 18, 9:00 am, Augustine Educational Foundation Retreat for Members and Directors, St. Stephen Diocesan Center, Kaneohe.
- October 18-19, Episcopal Visitation, St. Ann Parish, Kaneohe.
- October 21, 10:00 am, Meeting of the Bishops of the San Francisco Province, San Francisco, Cali-

fornia.

- October 23, Meeting of Bishops and Vocation Directors at Mt. Angel Seminary, Oregon.

Announcements / Appointments

- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Boniface Waema (Diocese of Machakos) as Parochial Vicar of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Parish, Mililani, effective September 22, 2014.

Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST



50 years ago — Oct. 9, 1964

Poster for Catholic Education Week, Nov. 8 to 14, when many schools will hold open house to acquaint the public with the schools. Over 12 percent of all elementary, secondary and higher education institutions in the United States are under Catholic auspices. (NC Photos)

25 years ago — Oct. 13, 1989

The pope in Korea

Pope John Paul II preached reconciliation in a divided Korea and said the Asian peninsula’s political status is symbolic of the historical and ideological divisions hindering world peace.

During an Oct. 7-9 trip to close the 44th International Eucharist Congress in Seoul, the pope’s activities included: Saying publicly for the first time that he wants to visit China ... Meeting bishops from troubled Asian nations where normal contact with the Vatican has been interrupted, asking for continued human rights improvements in South Korea and praising the government’s progress toward democracy.

Theme of the Oct. 5-8 congress was “Christ Our Peace,” and the pope asked Catholics to

help overcome divisions by sharing Christ’s “life-giving love through service” to others.

10 years ago — Oct. 8, 2004

Hawaii’s Sisters of St. Francis soon to be part of a larger Franciscan family

Hawaii’s Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse will become a part of a larger Franciscan family on Jan. 1 with the union of their congregation with two other New York Franciscan congregations.

The local celebration of this historic agreement, which the sisters are calling a “founding,” will be a 10 a.m. Mass on Oct. 9 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Diocesan administrator Father Thomas Gross will preside at the liturgy. ...

On July 11, in Syracuse, N.Y., nearly 400 New York state Franciscan Sisters from Hastings-on-Hudson, Syracuse (the community to which the Hawaii sisters belong), and Williamsville voted to become one congregation in a ceremony and Mass that culminated five years of preparation. ...

The new community will be called the Sisters of St. Francis.

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"There is a blindness about abortion," Shorba said. "A lot of people are not seeing the truth. It's not about choice, it's about cherishing life."

Shorba and the Rachel's Vineyard team have been privy to powerful stories of retreat participants who have experienced abortion's agony, and with the empathy and grace of the ministry, have overcome its pain and sorrow.

To mark Respect Life Month, three Rachel's Vineyard participants shared their testimonies with the Hawaii Catholic Herald. Because of the sensitive nature of abortion, the women asked that their names be withheld.

They all hope their stories can encourage a deeper discussion about the real effects of abortion, the widespread need for healing, and the true meaning of respecting life.

C.M.: I was afraid I would never be able to have a normal life

C.M. said she still relives the memory of her abortion "at random times." She had been "happy and excited" when she found out she was pregnant just as she was about to finish college. The father of the child, however, refused to support her pregnancy or marry her for the sake of a family.

They both were young and about to start new careers on the mainland. As much as she wanted to keep the baby, he told her that abortion was the only choice.

"I hated him for even thinking it, for saying it, and especially for meaning it," C.M. said. "I was afraid I would never be able to have a normal life, and no child to apologize for."

When she went in for the procedure, she saw "a pretty, young, Spanish-looking girl with long, black hair" at the facility for an appointment as well. She recalled that the girl was nervous, holding her arms together as she was dressed in a hospital gown.

C.M. said she thought, "What are you doing here? You're so young. You shouldn't be here."

Later, she realized, "she's just a reflection of myself."

C.M. said her recollection of the actual abortion "echoes into oblivion," but the physical pain afterward was so intense, she remembers it to this day. That pain, she feels, "was a reminder that it was real, that I had done something terribly wrong."

After the abortion, she and the father of the child broke up. C.M. was left alone, trying hard to work at her new job, but distracted from the trauma.

Fortunately, she had the support of another guy friend, who would eventually become her husband. He sympathized with her and provided a shoulder of unconditional love to lean on during that dark time.

"At least I know that God was showing me the men in my life in true colors," she said. "I'm so grateful I ended up with the right one."



Lisa Shorba and C.M. sit before a statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

C.M. now has a beautiful family of three sons. She attended a Rachel's Vineyard retreat several years ago, and has also found healing in her gift of music. As she sings the songs she has written about becoming whole again, her beautiful voice paints a picture of the suffering, hope, strength and faith in her journey.

In one of her most powerful compositions, she penned lyrics that vividly depict how a single decision can change the course of a life forever.

"We talk about choice, but you're talking about the woman's choice," C.M. said. "But what about the baby's choice? Don't they have rights? Doesn't it count for anything?"

Heather: The longer you avoid the pain, the deeper it gets

Under the pen-name Heather Wilson, one Rachel's Vineyard participant has been working on a book titled "Extreme Speechless Pain." Like C.M., the Rachel's Vineyard retreat touched Wilson's life, and now she is using her creativity in writing, film production and other outlets to help in healing.

Wilson said she "went from being pro-choice to being pro-life." She had more than one abortion in the past, she explained, "all with the same person that had tricked me into thinking that he would marry me if I just did what he asked me to do."

The last abortion left her sterile. It was "the most traumatizing side effect of the whole experience," Wilson said. Now married to "the man of my dreams," she said it is devastating that abortion has taken away the precious possibil-

ity of parenthood for her and her husband.

"I feel like I've really sacrificed the most important gift I could have ever received," she said.

Wilson noted that the Rachel's Vineyard retreat "opened my heart" to the feelings she had kept inside for a very long time. Although she had been frank with counselors in the past about her abortions, she said they glossed over the issue. She had been in denial about the pain for years.

"My heart was really closed to the experience and just kind of wanted to block it out and forget about it," Wilson said. "I couldn't even tell you the day it happened because it was just a big, huge denial, which is a coping mechanism."

"The longer you avoid the pain, the deeper it gets," she added. "It just doesn't go away on its own."

Wilson believes there are a lot of women in a similar position, walking wounded from abortion. That is why she has tried to become involved in pro-life work and in the Rachel's Vineyard ministry when she can.

"What a woman really needs is someone to hold her hand," Wilson said. "What turns off so many women from being pro-life or making the switch, I think, is that there's a lacking of compassion or insight into the devastation she really feels, but can't express."

She hopes the Rachel's Vineyard ministry can get more funding, particularly from the church, for the invaluable service it provides.

She also wishes the term "pro-life" could be changed to "cherish life" instead. Putting forward the need to value human dignity changes the perspective of abortion as a political or social issue to understanding its real ramifications.

"For every 'pro' there is a 'con,'" Wilson explained. "But the concept of cherishing life shifts it to the emotional side of it versus the intellectual side. So even if someone was against me having my baby if I was pregnant, and the message everywhere was 'cherish life,' I'd really connect with that differently and say you know, I do cherish life."

"I always have," she said.

A.D.: A few days after the retreat, I had a dream

A.D. wrote to the Hawaii Catholic Herald saying that the ministry provided by the Rachel's Vineyard team "has made such a profound difference in my life. To be heard and forgiven with loving support, wisdom, and spiritual guidance — this has been so healing and cleansing. I am deeply grateful." What follows is the rest of her statement.

"Sometimes we need to reach a certain place in our lives to be able to heal from trauma. It took me such a long time, many years, before I was able to face my sins of abortion and receive healing. Lisa (Shorba) was very encouraging and persistent, and I am so thankful that I finally was able to go to a Rachel's Vineyard retreat.

"I want to state that I believe 'right to life' includes not only prenatal life, but also care for the parents and infant after birth. This includes healthcare, nutrition, education, decent housing and work that is fairly compensated. While it's true that one sin often leads to another, so many of us make important decisions under the stress of truly difficult circumstances such as an abusive relationship or

dire poverty. Nowadays so many people are in need of a loving family and supportive community. As Pope Francis said, 'Who am I to judge?'

"At the Rachel's Vineyard retreat, the groundwork was set for honest sharing and compassionate listening, confession, mutual support, biblical stories, good food, hugs, tears and reconciliation. In one weekend, a lot of difficult ground was covered. I came away feeling cleansed and forgiven. This healing has brought me closer to Jesus Christ.

"Looking back, I can see that my sins came between me and my family, between me and God. Somehow, in the process of honest confession to others, and hearing also the shared experience of others who have been affected by abortion, with the mutual tears shed and prayers offered up, somehow this has changed everything for me. I am able to be more loving and present with family, friends, co-workers, even strangers.

"A few days after the Rachel's Vineyard retreat, I had a dream. A very ordinary-looking man appeared before me. He was dressed in a white robe. I did not recognize him at first. I approached him and was embraced with his great love, acceptance and kindness. Only then did I know he was Jesus Christ. I know he shared his love, compassion and mercy with me not because of anything I did or did not do, but because God is Love. By embracing such a sinner as me, he shows that the love of God is here for all of us, if we turn humbly to him."

For more information and resources on Respect Life Month, visit the USCCB website, www.usccb.org. To get in touch with someone about the Rachel's Vineyard ministry, call 349-5071 or email RVinHawaii@gmail.com.

SACRED HEARTS FATHER JAMES ANGUAY | 1944-2014

Hawaii priest was pastor, novice master, missionary, chaplain

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Sacred Hearts Father James C.P. Anguay, whose service to his religious community included parish work, the formation of novices and the pioneering of a mission in the Cook Islands, died unexpectedly on Sept. 20 in Honolulu. He was a priest for 42 years and 70 years old.



Father James Anguay, SSSC

Father Anguay's final assignment was as chaplain of Malia O Ka Malu, a senior residence

for Sacred Hearts Sisters in Kaimuki where he celebrated daily Mass and heard confessions, said Sacred Hearts Sister Helene Wood, superior of the Malia O Ka Malu community. "He was always very accommodating," she said.

"Father James was really a gentle person," she said. "He was a compassionate confessor and a very devoted priest. He was really a gift to us."

Father Anguay's funeral is Oct. 15 at St. Patrick Church in Kaimuki. Visitation is 9:30-10:15 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva. Burial is at 1 p.m. at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park.

Father Anguay was born of Filipino, Chinese and Spanish ethnicity to James and Rosalie Augustin Anguay, on July 19, 1944, at Camp Cooke, now called Vandenberg Air

Force Base, near the city of Lompoc, California.

Raised in Hawaii, he attended high school at Sacred Hearts Seminary in Hauula, graduating in 1962. He continued on to St. Mary's College in Minnesota and Washington Theological Coalition in Silver Springs, Maryland.

He also earned advanced degrees from Catholic University in Washington and Chicago Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Honolulu Bishop John J. Scanlan ordained Father Anguay on June 9, 1972, at St. Joseph Church in Waipahu.

His first assignment was as associate pastor of Christ the King Parish in Kahului, Maui, from 1973 to 1977.

Father Anguay then served as formation director for the Sacred Hearts Community at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago until 1982 when he was appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Lihue.

Sharon Chiarucci, the former director of the Diocesan Office for Parish Resources, was in the pews when the young Father Anguay was first introduced to the Lihue congregation.

"Within a year, he really mobilized that parish," Chiarucci said in a recent interview. "He had over a hundred people involved in ministry."

The new pastor introduced a "renewal" program designed to rejuvenate parish life. "It set that parish on fire," she said.

While in Chicago, Father Anguay was also the cross-cultural

communication supervisor for Shalom Ministries from 1980 to 1982.

The Sacred Hearts priest also served as vicar of the Kauai Vicariate and spiritual director for the Filipino Catholic Club and Engaged Encounter.

In 1987, at age 42, Father Anguay was sent with Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona to a newly established mission in the Cook Islands, an archipelago of 15 small islands approximately 2,800 miles south of Hawaii. He served there for about 10 years.

Following the Cook Islands assignment, Father Anguay served his Sacred Hearts Congregation as

novice master in the Philippines.

Upon his return to Hawaii, he worked at Christ the King Parish in Kahului and Immaculate Conception in Lihue.

Several years ago he suffered a serious auto accident which required many months of recovery at Sacred Hearts Center in Kaneohe.

In 2012, Father Anguay was assigned as chaplain of Malia O Ka Malu while residing at nearby St. Patrick Monastery.

According to Sister Helene, the auto accident had left Father Anguay blind in one eye and using a cane, but otherwise fine.

Sister Helene praised the priest's homilies. "He did his homework"

when it came to preaching, "he did his research and give us the best interpretation of the Scripture he could," she said.

On the morning of Sept. 20, Father Anguay called Sister Helene Wood to say that he had had a sleepless night and was not feeling well and asked to be excused from celebrating morning Mass. Sister Helene agreed. Later that day she got a call from the monastery that Father Anguay had died.

In addition to his Sacred Hearts congregational family, Father Anguay is survived by brothers John, Francisco and Haz, sisters Riri Samson and Marilyn Lazear, and nieces and nephews.



Final respects

Dominican Sister Malia Dominica Wong pays her last respects at the casket of Father Robert Siu before the funeral Mass celebrated in his honor Sept. 26 at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Father Siu, a Hawaii-born priest of the Diocese of Honolulu, died Sept. 11 in Wyoming, where he had been serving as a parish priest since 1980. Sister Malia Dominica knew the Siu family well, though had never met Father Siu who left the Islands in 1972.

HCH photo | Darlene Dela Cruz

Join us on a pilgrimage to Kalaupapa in celebration of Saint Marianne's Feast Day Sunday, January 18, 2015

This pilgrimage includes roundtrip charter air transportation from Honolulu to Kalaupapa, a picnic-style lunch, a commemorative pilgrimage guide, Mass with Bishop Larry Silva at St. Francis Church and a guided tour provided by Damien Tours, conducted by Kalaupapa historian Patrick Boland.

Guided Tour Sights to Include:

- Papaloa Cemetery
- The foot of the Kalaupapa Trail
- St. Elizabeth's Convent & Chapel
- Visitors' Quarters
- St. Damien's Gravesite
- St. Marianne's Gravesite
- Kalaupapa Bookstore
- St. Philomena Church
- Bishop Home
- Baldwin Home
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A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD

1 WAIMEA

Annunciation Parish

Father Stephen Macedo blessed 32 catechists, including youth ministers and kid's word catechists, here and at **Ascension Mission** in Puako. Pictured is religious education coordinator **Jane Aganus** introducing catechists in Waimea. (Reported by *Mary Erickson*; photo by *Marlene Hochuli*)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

Mei Chan, Abriana Burusso, Teresita Luis, Matta Tai Nguyen, Vinnie Lopez, Bernie Lopez, Aubrey Fernandez, Gloria Yabut, Fe Coloma, Philip Mulno, Joel and Lily Nurusawa for maintaining our church and grounds immaculately. These people spend a portion of their Saturday morning weekly keeping our church beautiful. If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish. (From the parish bulletin)

2 EWA

Immaculate Conception Parish

We, as a church and individually, should be striving to increase our stewardship. **Bishop Larry Silva**, along with **Father Mike Dalton**, has challenged us to take a look at our individual stewardship and our stewardship as a church. "Remember, the building is not the church, we are the church!" Our first individual is **Cristina Camat**. A parishioner for the 15 years, Cristina has six children and 13 grandchildren. As the church custodian, she opens the church each morning, sets up the altar for daily Mass, purifies all the chalices and ciboriums daily and coordinates monthly church cleanings. Cristina is also a eucharistic minister and participates in the parish **Centering Prayer Group**. When asked why she continues her stewardship, she replied "I feel the Holy Spirit every time I enter the church." Lastly, Cristina loves to bake Filipino desserts. Whether for a church activity or an individual request, she finds time to fulfill all requests for her "famous" baked goods. Mahalo Cristina for being a true example of giving your time, talent, and treasure to our church and our Lord! (Reported by *Normand HJ Robert*)



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7 PALAMA

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Father Gregorio Honorio Jr. commissioned the **religious education teachers** on Catechetical Sunday. The grades represented were K-8th and Confirmation I and II. The attendees filled the church at capacity. Several teachers served as readers and lead the church in Universal Prayer. In his homily, Father Gregorio said, "No matter what you do, big or small, remember the most important is that you do it with love." **Sister Mercedes Estrella**, director of religious education, called each of the catechists forward. Father Greg blessed the catechists with holy water, handed out certificates and recognition. The church responded with an appreciative round of applause. (Reported by *Oswald Bumanglag*)



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3 KAHULUI

Christ the King Parish

La Salette Father Joseph Pilotin, assisted by parish worship commissioner **Mila Corpuz**, inducted the following altar servers who have completed their education and training and have been examined and proven fit for the ministry: **Kyrell Agaran, Allain Jerico Alejo, Dhia Lei Alejo, Kristine Caluntad, Jessica Mae Castillo, Keilah Galiza, Krystal Garcia, Luke Kahuhu, Danica Luis, Jared Magaoay, Angeline Manzano, Caitlin Moore, Ari Timothy Pablo, James Pacubas, Jaymar Quedding, Jeselle Quedding, Janilyn Rivera and Trisha Mae Rumbaoa**. Congratulations, altar servers! Go now and serve the Lord. (Reported by *Audie Pascual*)



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8 PAPAIKOU

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

On Aug. 7, preparations were taken to protect our office files, computer, Xerox machine, etc. from the wake of **Hurricane Iselle**, but by the grace of God we were spared. The storm only left leaves and branches scattered around the grounds. ... The delegates planning to go to the **Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, California**, in 2015 are still busy fundraising like selling One Ton chips and One Ton cookies. Future projects include selling potted poinsettias, a holiday bazaar and craft sale, and a chili sale. ... Our **Filipino Catholic Club** sponsored a novena Sept. 20-28 in honor of **San Lorenzo Ruiz**. San Lorenzo is the first Catholic Filipino saint and is thus the protomartyr of the Philippines. He was killed for refusing to leave Japan and renounce his Catholic beliefs during the 17th century persecution of Japanese Christians. ... On Catechetical Sunday, our **catechists and aides** were commissioned and honored at the 10 a.m. Mass. These dedicated individuals give their time and talents to assure that the parish youth come to know the Lord and accept him as their Savior. God bless them all. Front from left, **Analisa Yanagi, Lillian Tavares, Eden Patino, Paulione Aughe**. Back from left, **Reynard Galdones, Inez Johnson, Tasha Haimoto-Leite, James Pratt Jr., Keshia Kubo, Callie Villanueva, Oarlene Wingate, Shelly Wingate, Joyce Yafuso**. Missing: **Pamela Lyman, Nancy Chong, Mary Virginia Gray, Marymelba Sakanoi and Ashton Greenleaf**. (Reported by ...)

In 1986 he was commissioned as chaplain in the **U.S. Navy** and served for 20 years with the rank of lieutenant commander. He returned to the Diocese of Honolulu and, after more parish assignments, came to our parish and completed seven years as pastor. In appreciation and gratitude, the parish honored him July 6 with a celebration at which he was presented with a **papal blessing**. Father Adrian is now pastor emeritus at our parish where he continues to render pastoral assistance. The padre is indeed called to serve as priest forever. Ad multos annos! (Reported by *Fran Kovaloff*; photo by *Jun Cortez*.)

also received an activity calendar for the catechetical year, including opportunities for stewardship hours. Pictured are parents sharing their reflection on Matthew 7:21-29. The teams of catechists were also introduced. On the Year 1 team are **Andrea Mazerik, June Melendez, Ringgo Castillo, Sarah Sniffen, Nadine Pablo, Angela Mariano, Amanda Sueoka, Joshua Ibarra and Allan Cortez**. On the Year 2 team are **Shaun Agtarap, Anthony Barredo, Francis Dumlaog, Jennifer Tolentino, Jesus Osorio, Remalyn Quiacusan, Edison Vida and Mika Quintinita**. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)

ing of animals and parking of vehicles, assistance in packing and moving belongings and possible rooms for living space. Consult the church office for further information. (Reported by *Richard Robbins*)

6 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Our parish led the Wahiawa community in the annual drive conducted by the **Wahiawa Lions** by donating 228 pounds of school supplies and nearly \$1,200 for children in need in the Wahiawa area. Pictured from left are **Karen Meyer**, custodian of Wahiawa Middle School, our pastor **Richard McNally, SSCC, and Jack Kampfer**, who managed the church drive, with the truckload of supplies. Meyer transported the supplies to Wahiawa Middle School where they were sorted and distributed primarily to Wahiawa-area elementary schools. (Reported by *Jack Kampfer*)

HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

Mahalo to our church cleaners **John Kalwicz, Carina Yung, Grace Porras, Gerald Porras, Caesar Reyes, Poly Lapasaran, Cecilio Manalo,**

5 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

The purpose of our **parents orientation night for high school religious education** on Sept. 17 was to acquaint parents and students with the diocesan and parish policies regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents and candidates also reflected on their roles and responsibilities in sacramental preparation. Attendees watched a short video from Busted Halo on "Why We're Confirmed" by **Father Dave Dwyer**. Parents

PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

On Sunday, Oct. 12, the parish will host a **potluck town meeting**, noon-2:30 p.m. in Avery Hall, with Office for Social Ministry director **Father Robert Stark** as guest speaker. The topic: Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience. **HOPE Services** will also attend. The parish bulletin, distributed after Sunday Masses, contains a list of parishioners who have offered help during the eruption, including land space for storage, keep-

by Pat Phillips; photo by Inez Johnson)

9 KALIHI KAI
St. Anthony Parish

Our Lord promised **St. Margaret Mary** for souls devoted to His Sacred Heart, "I will bless every place in which a picture of My Heart shall be exposed and honored." Another family, **the Luna family**, had the **Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** in their home on Sept. 6. The entronement is a covenant with Jesus in which the family renews its baptismal promises to live a fully Christian life. It is a formal public act of recognition of the sovereign rule of Jesus over the family. Our pastor, **La Salette Father Manny Dela Cruz** officiated at the ceremony. Pictured is **Mrs. Rosalia Luna**, a member of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Apostolate, placing the picture on the shrine with her son **Ianzar**. Her husband and their nine other children, who are still in the Philippines, celebrated the entronement also. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue was brought into the home six days before the entronement in preparation. Other siblings of Mrs. Luna and apostolate members attended the event. We all rejoiced that another family invited Christ into their home and promised to share their life with Him. Thanks be to God! *(Reported by Fe Rodillas)*



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10 HILO
St. Joseph Parish

For nearly a quarter century, the parish Aloha Choir has brought comfort and strength to grieving families through their ministry of consolation. The choir was founded in the 1980s by parishioner **Lorina Springer** who was bothered that some funerals had lots of people and hired musicians while others were totally empty, with nothing uplifting at all. With the pastor's help, she recruited volunteers. Today, after many changes in members and leadership, the Aloha Choir continues its legacy of serving families in bereavement through the gift of song. The current organist is Lorina's son **Michael Springer**. The choir is on-call. Members are notified through a telephone tree of funeral Masses where the choir has been requested. Using Hawaiian and traditional hymns, it sings before Mass, during Mass and for the final commendation. In closing, the choir usually leads the congregation in "Hawaii Aloha" and "Aloha Oe." Pictured in the front row, **Michael Springer, Jeanette Santos, Felipa Miquel, Barbara Kubo** and **Armando Mendoza**. In back, **Cecil Farin, David Wilson** and **Dolores Tavares**. Absent, **Violet Ignacio, Linda Salas, Violet Taboniar, Gordon Bracknell, Jo Yokoyama, Theresa Shanahan** and **Beverly Rubio**. *(Reported by Cecil Farin and Michael Springer)*



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11 MAKAKILO
St. Jude Parish

Rosaries made for people, groups, whoever has a need for them. In September the parish rosary making club, **Na Hana Kolona o ka Makuahine**, made almost 300 rosaries for a church group in Texas and a

center on the mainland. They also made and sent 600 rosaries to Ghana and Nairobi. They meet once a month on a Saturday. The last rosary making class for this year is Oct. 25. Pictured are just some of the rosaries made by the loving hands of Na Hana Kolona o ka Makuahine. *(Reported by Caren Sue Argenzia)*

12 KAILUA-KONA
St. Michael Parish

Our parish received its first **Trip Advisor** review. The visitor recommended the Sunday 7 a.m. Mass when the **Hawaiian Choir**, pictured, sings. The reviewer mentioned that congregation joins in and even sings the Hawaiian version of the Lord's Prayer. *(Reported by Shirley David)*

13 HAIKU
St. Rita Parish

On Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 21, **Father Leonard Ssempijja** commissioned the **catechists and teachers** for school year 2014-2015. During the commissioning, Father Leonard invited the teachers to recite a **Catechist's Prayer** while parishioners' hands were extended toward them in prayer. It was a blessing for all. We thank the teachers for their commit-

ment and for showing us how to live our faith. Pictured from left, **Tamyra Freeman, Don Freeman, Esther Yap, Faythe Urayanza, Father Leonard Ssempijja, Rosemary Robbins, Donna Hart, Annette Scognamillo** and **Debbie Faberito**. *(Reported by Esther Yap; photo by Marie Drury)*

14 KEKAHA
St. Theresa Parish,

Our **Bible study class**, pictured, is growing! We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the parish meeting room and welcome newcomers! Under the leadership of **Lorraine Savaria**, we have traveled through the Old Testament and are now into the New Testament. What's exciting for us is that we're able to make the connections when we hear the readings at Mass on Sundays ... some real eye openers! We're all a work in progress, but love the faith sharing and friendships we're building every week. *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)*

HONOLULU
Damien Memorial School

Our **freshmen** gathered for a **day of recollection** at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley. Staffed by seniors

and faculty members, the seven days were organized by campus minister **Soane Uiagalelei**, 88. Through skits, large and small group discussions, sharing and prayer, the goal was to help the students make good choices and wise decisions as they transition to high school. The students also had one potluck lunches and free time for outdoor activities. Later in the school year, the **eighth graders and sophomores** will experience their day of recollection. Our **sixth and seventh graders** will be spending a day in service learning, reaching out to our community. **Juniors and seniors** are offered the opportunity to participate in one of three weekend **Encounter Retreats** at Camp Homelani in Mokuleia. *(Reported Diane M. Lota; photo by Dayne Teves)*

15 PEARL CITY
Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Students in **grades one, two, four and five** were given a literary treat Sept. 25 when local author-illustrator **Tammy Yee** paid a visit. Best known for her children's books, such as "Iki, the Littlest Opihi," and tales about other sea creatures such as "Baby Honu Saves the Day," Tammy has 31 projects credited to her. The children grew more excited

as the day of her visit got closer. As she drove onto the campus, shouts of "Tammy Yee is here" filled the air. To the **fourth and fifth graders**, she introduced the process of getting a story published and the many intricate steps leading up to the final artwork being chosen. With the **first and second graders**, Tammy spent 45 minutes reading from one of her books and demonstrating how to draw the many characters. Tammy even autographed books children brought from home. We felt truly blessed to meet such an accomplished author-illustrator. Now, when we read her books, the characters will have a special place in our hearts. *(Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)*

16 HONOLULU
Holy Family Catholic Academy

Our campus was the setting of a whirlwind of activities Sept. 25 for the kindergarten-fourth grades. Families came out to visit our weeklong **Scholastic Book Fair**, to share a fundraising dinner of delicious **down home cooking** hosted by the **National Junior Honor Society**, and to attend **curriculum night** focused on celebrating literacy. Pictured is first grader **Lucca Gabriele** enjoying a special reading moment with his Mom. An attendance raffle for a prize basket filled with kid-appealing books and games was a final draw of the evening. On Oct. 2 will be a similar **curriculum night** for the families of **fifth-eighth grade students**. *(Reported by Christina Malins; photo by Mrs. Heather Jones)*

17 KEKAHA
St. Theresa School

On Oct. 1, we celebrated the Feast of **St. Therese of Lisieux**, the patron of our parish and school. We started with an all-school Mass with students, faculty and staff celebrating the life of our saint and all the "little ways" she has blessed people through the years. Everyone sang the beautiful hymn to St. Theresa under the direction of music teacher **Mrs. Millie Curtis**, after which everyone placed red and white roses, mums, ginger blossoms and other tropical flowers around her statue. **La Salette Father Arnel Soriano**, pastor, did the honors of placing the many leis on St. Theresa. **Mr. Archie Achuara's eighth grade class** gave presentations on the life of the saint with Mr. Achuara encouraging the students to practice her "little ways," such as telling their parents they love them, helping with their chores at home, etc. Principal **Mary Jean Buza Sims** said that St. Theresa is her patron saint, and explained how she prayed to her this past year for more students to attend our school, and how we now have 25 more students this year! On that happy note, let us all strive to share Jesus with everyone we meet in the little ways of St. Theresa! Happy feast day! *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)*

18 HONOLULU
Sacred Hearts Academy High School

On Sept. 20, two of our **VEX teams** and two **VEX IQ teams**

participated in the **McKinley Vexposition**. After intense competition against 38 other teams, our school's robot finished in eighth place overall. The robot was under the guidance of captain **Kristen Kate Tumacder** and driven by eighth grader **Jenna Tanna**, sophomore **Hudson Jones** and junior **Cameron Pires**. The robot's designers, juniors **Aimee Pak** and **Michaela Graves**, pictured here, won the Vexposition's Design Award. They will compete in January in the Hawaii State VEX Championships on Maui. Programmers Aimee and classmate **Malia Libby** participated in the Autonomous Challenge, coding ROBOTC to stack the most sections in a timed segment. They earned second place. *(Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)*



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19 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our **first graders** visited **Lyon Arboretum** tying in a lesson on plant life. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to taste **sour fruit**, also called Averrhoa Bilimbi. Similar to a star fruit, the students learned that the sour fruit was cool and juicy and was probably brought to the Islands by the first immigrants from the Philippines in 1906. Pictured are **Kelsie Takea**, **Rayne Botelho-Ichimura** and **Mikena Gillis**. *(Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)*



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KAILUA
St. John Vianney School
October is the month of the Rosary. During lunch recess, **Mrs. Cathy Lee** and **Mrs. Esther Tokars** from our parish religious education program lead students in **grades five through eight** in praying the rosary on the first and third Tuesday of the month. It's a totally voluntary prayer time and we have had an incredible response! ... Our school's **Halau Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa** performed at Iolani Palace for **Children and Youth Day**, Oct. 5. Thank you for representing us so beautifully! ... The date of the next general **PTSA** meeting is changed to Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. in the parish board room. All are invited. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*



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WAIALUA
St. Michael Parish
E.P.I.C. (Experiencing People in Christ), the parish's new **young adult ministry**, will host its first E.P.I.C. Faith Sharing on Monday, Sept. 29, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Center. It's open to everyone ages 18 to 30. Join us for a night of community and faith and to also know the young adults of our parish. The coordinator is **Joshua Kapika**. *(From the parish bulletin)*



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20 MAKAWAO
St. Joseph Early Learning Center
Our **staff** enjoyed the retreat at **St. Ann Church** in Waihee on Sept. 26. The theme was the upcoming **"Year of Consecrated Life."** **Father Roland Bunda** from St. Anthony Parish celebrated the Mass with the staff and shared with them the journey of his vocation. Afterward, the staff also had fellowship with a luncheon in the church hall.



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Thank you to **Father De Lota** and staff for the hospitality at St. Ann's and for **Sister Malia Dominica Wong O.P.** from the diocesan **Vocations Office** for the information and resources. Mahalo, Father Bunda, for your time and spiritual guidance. *(Reported by Helen Souza)*

21 LAHAINA
Sacred Hearts School
Our **seventh and eighth graders** posed with a **WWII veteran** they met visiting the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in Washington while on their East Coast field trip. *(Reported by Patty Wurst)*

22 WAILUKU
St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School
An audience of family and

friends enjoyed an evening of movie tunes performed by our school's **Symphonic Band**. The group, under the direction of band teacher **Everett Yamashita**, played a variety of tunes from James Bond movies to the newest Disney film, "Frozen." The next public performances will be a tribute to Maui veterans on Nov. 5 in the St. Anthony Church Center; and Nov. 15 during the school's 2014 Strength in Unity Gala at the King Kamehameha Golf Club House. For the band's schedule, visit www.sasmaui.org. *(Reported by Claudine San Nicolas; photo by Ed Knoyle)*

23 EWA BEACH
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
We annually invite our students to be **student government officers**: "You are called to be

servant leaders, to be role models, to be representatives of Jesus Christ." As Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be great among you, must be your servant!" Candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer delivered their speeches and the school-wide election was Sept. 25. After the weekly school Mass on Oct. 1, the newly elected officers were installed, taking their oaths before principal **Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, OSF**, and advisers **Remedios Cabrera** and **Emma Lacar**. The officers pledged to fulfill their responsibilities to ensure the success of the student government's mission, values, projects and vision. Congratulations and blessings to president **Tyler Morales**, vice-president **Daniella White**, secretary **Terajei Pascual** and treasurer **Micah Ponce**. Rep-

representatives from grades K to 8 will also be part of the student government. Pictured are Ms. Cabrera, Micah, Terajei, Sister Davilyn, Daniella, Tyler and Mrs. Lacar. *(Reported by Crystal Ka'aikala; photo by Thalia Woodward)*

24 KAILUA
St. Anthony School
Our **eighth graders** spent a few days at Camp Erdman for their annual **leadership retreat**. The weather was hot, but spirits were high. They hiked, did the Olympic challenge and bonded as the leaders of the school. Now they are set for a new and exciting eighth grade school year. The teachers who accompanied them were **Mrs. Laree Ott**, **Mr. Willie Quinn** and **Ms. Bridget Barros**. *(Reported by Patricia Barros)*

25 KAPAA
St. Catherine School
Our school's **Service Club**, under the direction of religious education director, **Mrs. Patricia Doherty**, began its seventh year with 19 members, a record! The high membership caused a problem (what a problem to have — so many students wanting to serve)! For the past seven years, the club has visited the long-term residents of nearby **Mahe-lona Hospital**. The love they bring to the residents is priceless. But because space is limited, 19 is too many to visit at one time. **Mrs. Laura Lindsey**, our office assistant and development director (or as we like to call her, "problem solver"), came up with a solution. The Service Club will be divided in half and the two groups will alternate their weekly visits to Mahelona Ohana. When not at Mahelona, they will be involved in school service and a **leadership club** directed by Mrs. Lindsey. Christ taught us that true leadership is service. So to recognize that our service volunteers are the real leaders of our school, we are building a leadership club with them as the foundation! Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Lindsey offer a sincere mahalo to our Service Club members and true leaders of our school! *(Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)*

26 AIEA
St. Elizabeth School
Our **second grade** is using their **Smart Board** to enhance 21st Century learning. Through the help of our **PTG**, the school was able to provide Smart Boards and **Promethean Boards** for each classroom. *(Reported by Sharon Nagasawa)*

27 KALIHI
St. John the Baptist School
Every Monday, our little **kindergartners** look forward to collaboration time with our seventh and eighth graders. Pictured is **PJ Foehr** from the Hawaii Catholic Schools office giving pointers to the older students on how to engage our kindergartners in reading time and to be critical thinkers. Thanks for your help Mr. PJ! *(Reported by Ainona M. Petelo)*

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Survey of Candidates

Questions on issues of interest to Hawaii voters asked of candidates for the U.S. Congress, Hawaii governor and lieutenant governor and the State Legislature

Includes Constitutional Amendment Questions

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R = Republican
G = Green
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Y = Yes
N = No
U = Undecided
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Questions for candidates for U.S. Congress

- 1 Would you vote for legislation that expands current federal programs which provide educational benefits to children from low-income families regardless of the type of school they attend (public, parochial, private)?
- 2 Would you vote for legislation that would give states the right to further restrict the hiring of undocumented immigrants, or providing them with healthcare or government services?
- 3 Would you vote for legislation that provides a realistic path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants?
- 4 Would you vote for legislation that allows individuals, businesses and religious organizations to deny benefits to employees and services to the public in accordance with their religious beliefs?
- 5 Would you vote to increase funding for affordable housing subsidies (e.g. Section 8) and/or the construction of new affordable housing (e.g. via the National Housing Trust Fund, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, etc.)?
- 6 Would you vote to fund at the federal level the obligations in education and health care promised in the Free Compact of Association Treaty to the Micronesian people rather than placing the burden on the states to fund the implementation of those promises?

U.S. CONGRESS								
U.S. SENATOR								
	QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	
R	CAVASSO, Cam	306-3454	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y
L	KOKOSKI, Michael	375-7140	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	SCHATZ, Brian	664-0062	Did not respond to survey					
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1								
	QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	
R	DJOU, Charles	228-1438	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	TAKAI, K. Mark	330-6275	Did not respond to survey					
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2								
	QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	
R	CROWLEY, Kawika	381-9031	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	GABBARD, Tulsì	861-0793	Did not respond to survey					
L	KENT, Joe	507-382-0318	Did not respond to survey					

Questions for candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor

- 1 Would you sign into law a bill that would increase coordinated social services for ex-incarcerated persons being reintegrated into society and for their families?
- 2 Would you sign into law a bill that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in Hawaii?
- 3 Would you sign into law a bill eliminating the Hawaii State income tax paid for individuals and families with incomes under the federal poverty level? (e.g. 1 person - \$11,670, or, family of 4 - \$23,850)?
- 4 Would you sign into law a bill to continue to protect the right of religious organizations to refuse outside groups from using their facilities for activities related to same-sex marriage?

- 5 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish tuition tax credits or vouchers to help poor families choose the school they consider best for their children?
- 6 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish a state earned income tax credit for residents living on low incomes?
- 7 Would you sign into law a bill that would legalize any form of gambling in Hawaii?
- 8 Would you sign into law a bill that would increase state funds to develop more affordable housing in Hawaii?
- 9 Would you sign into law a bill that requires parental or guardian notification before a minor can have an abortion?
- 10 Would you sign into law a bill that would increase services for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence?
- 11 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish a Religious Freedom Restoration Act in Hawaii like that in 19 other states?
- 12 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish term limits for state legislators?

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR													
	QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	AIONA, Duke	203-7661	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	AHU, Elwin P	670-5022	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
L	DAVIS, Jeff	554-7200	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	U	Y
	MARLIN, Cynthia Lahi	965-0002	Did not respond to survey										
I	HANNEMANN, Mufi	551-4972	Did not respond to survey										
	CHANG, Les	236-1817	Did not respond to survey										
D	IGE, David Yutaka	295-0602	Did not respond to survey										
	TSUTSUI, Shan S.	250-5888	Did not respond to survey										

Questions for candidates for the Hawaii State Legislature

- 1 Would you vote to increase coordinated social services for ex-incarcerated persons being reintegrated into society and for their families?
- 2 Would you vote to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Hawaii?
- 3 Would you vote to eliminate the Hawaii State income tax for families with incomes under the federal poverty level? (e.g. 1 - \$11,670, or, family of 4 - \$23,850) ?
- 4 Would you vote to continue to protect the right of religious organizations to refuse outside groups from using their facilities for activities related to same-sex marriage?
- 5 Would you vote to support tuition tax credits or vouchers to help poor families choose the school they consider best for their children?
- 6 Would you vote to establish a state earned income tax credit for residents living on low incomes?
- 7 Would you vote to legalize any form of gambling in Hawaii?
- 8 Would you vote to increase state funds to develop more affordable housing in Hawaii?
- 9 Would you vote for legislation that requires parental or guardian notification before a minor can have an abortion?
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Pope Francis

NEWS BRIEFS



Pope Francis greets Italian disabled dancer Simona Atzori during a special Vatican audience with Paralympic athletes Oct. 4.

Open your hearts to migrants

People need to open their hearts to the many people who are forced to migrate as they face enormous difficulties and sometimes tragedy, Pope Francis said. "I pray for closed hearts that they may open. And everything I have available to me, is available to you," he told a group of young Eritreans who survived a deadly shipwreck off the coast of the Italian island of Lampedusa.

The pope met with 20 survivors and their family members at the Vatican Oct. 1, just a few days shy of the anniversary of the Oct. 3, 2013, disaster. More than 360 people were killed after a boat, reportedly carrying more than 500 migrants from northern Africa, capsized and sank near Lampedusa, Italy's southernmost island. Some 155 people survived.

Pope Francis sent a representative to the island a few days after the disaster to distribute aid and convey the pope's prayers and concerns. The pope had visited the island in early July after seeing newspaper headlines in June describing the drowning of immigrants at sea. (CNS)

Listen to that tiny voice

Guardian angels are not the stuff of fantasy; they are really present as wise travel companions helping people navigate life's journey, Pope Francis said.

Don't ignore the inner voice that says, "Well, you should do this." "That's not right." "Watch out!" the pope said in a morning homily Oct. 2, the feast of the Guardian Angels. "It's the voice of our travel companion. Be confident that they will take us through to the end of our lives with their advice, and that's why (people should) listen to their voice, don't rebel," he said in remarks reported by Vatican Radio.

"All of us, according to church tradition, have an angel with us, who watches over us, and lets us hear" deep inside, wise words meant to help people make the right choices, the pope said during an early morning Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

People shouldn't ignore that voice "because rebellion, the desire to be independent, is something we all have and it is pride, the same thing our father, Adam, had" in the Garden of Eden, he said. "Nobody walks alone and none of us can believe we

are alone" because there is always this companion right by each person's side, he said. (CNS)

Arms trade is the problem

Pope Francis opened a three-day summit on the violence and persecution underway in the Middle East, saying arms trafficking was the root cause of many problems in the region.

The pope convened the Vatican summit Oct. 2-4 because of his growing concern and desire to do something about "the dramatic situation" Christians and other religious and ethnic minorities are facing in the Middle East, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi said Oct. 2.

Those called to the summit included the seven Vatican nuncios based in Syria, Jordan-Iraq, Egypt, Israel-Palestinian territories, Iran, Lebanon and Turkey, as well as top Vatican officials from the Secretariat of State, the Vatican's permanent representatives at the United Nations in New York and Geneva, as well as from Vatican offices dealing with issues concerning refugees, charitable aid and Eastern churches.

The pope opened the proceedings and spent about 30 minutes with the 24 summit participants. (CNS)

Enough of the melodrama

Avoid the melodrama and self-pity over minor problems in life, Pope Francis said. Instead, use life's inevitable difficulties to pray for strength and pray for those who are suffering real tragedy, he said in a morning homily Sept. 30.

"Our life is too easy, our complaints are melodramatic complaints" compared to the many people suffering from debilitating disease, hunger and persecution, he said in remarks reported by Vatican Radio. The pope's homily focused on the day's reading from the Book of Job, in which Job curses the day he was born after losing everything that was dear to him (Jb 3:1-23).

When people experience hardship, they may be plagued by doubt; even Jesus on the cross asked God, "Why have you forsaken me?" the pope said during an early morning Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

The pope said when people talk to him about their difficult or painful situation, he encourages them to keep asking God, "Why? Because this,

too, is a prayer." Real prayer involves being absolutely honest before God about one's thoughts and feelings, he said. (CNS)

People have a right to work

The global economic system exploits regional and national differences in labor costs, taking advantage of the poor and destroying jobs in countries where the rights and dignity of workers enjoy greater protections, Pope Francis said.

The "fundamental right to work," he said, "cannot be considered a variable dependent on financial and monetary markets. It is a basic good in respect to dignity, the formation of a family, the realization of the common good and peace."

Addressing members of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace Oct. 2, the pope praised retired Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 encyclical letter, "Charity in Truth," as an essential document for evangelizing Catholics' social involvement and for highlighting the "benefits, but also the dangers of globalization when it is not oriented toward the good of peoples."

Globalization, Pope Francis said, has produced increased wealth, but it "also has exacerbated the gaps between different social groups, creating inequality and new poverty in the very countries considered to be the richest." (CNS)

Stop reflecting, start helping

With so much spiritual, social and moral suffering in the world, the church has "no right" to stay locked up in an ivory tower, engaging in "byzantine" philosophical reflection, Pope Francis told members of the Focolare movement.

"We have to go out! So that — I've said this before — the church seems like a field hospital," where the first order of the day "is heal the wounds, not measure people's cholesterol. That comes later. Got it?" he said to applause. The pope met at the Vatican with 500 people from 136 countries; they were attending the Focolare general assembly in Rome Sept. 1-28.

In his audience with members of the movement Sept. 26, Pope Francis said the new evangelization must go out to everyone, "starting with the poorest and excluded," so they, too, may experience "hope, brotherhood and joy in humanity's journey toward unity." (CNS)

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France NICE



CNS photo/Eric Gaillard, Reuters

A priest blesses a horse during the blessing of the animals at the St. Pierre D'Arene Church in Nice, France, Oct. 5. The blessing coincided with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

England CANTERBURY



CNS photo/Marcin Mazur

Members of the St. Peter's Cricket Club, a team of Catholic priests and seminarians from Rome, compete against an Anglican team in Canterbury, England, Sept. 19. The match was designed to foster closer ties between the two churches.

New Jersey NEWARK



CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, prays in front of a portrait of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich during her beatification Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, N.J., Oct. 4. Blessed Miriam Teresa, a Sister of Charity of St. Elizabeth who died at age 26 in 1927, is the first candidate for sainthood to be beatified in the U.S.

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Pope Francis talks with Cardinal Angelo Sodano, retired Vatican secretary of state, before the start of the afternoon session on the first working day of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family at the Vatican Oct. 6.

Vatican City

Pope tells bishops at family synod to speak fearlessly, listen humbly

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

Pope Francis opened the first working session of an extraordinary Synod of Bishops Oct. 6, urging participants to speak fearlessly and listen humbly during two weeks of discussion of the “pastoral challenges of the family.”

Hungarian Cardinal Peter Erdo of Esztergom-Budapest then outlined some of the major challenges the bishops would discuss, including such controversial topics as cohabitation, divorce, birth control and the impact of social and economic pressures.

“Let nobody say: ‘I can’t say this; they’ll think such-and-such about me,’” Pope Francis told more than 180 bishops and more than 60 other synod participants. “Everyone needs to say what one feels duty-bound in the Lord to say: without respect for human considerations, without fear. And, at the same time, one must listen with humility and welcome with an open heart what the brothers say.”

The pope recalled that, after a gathering of the world’s cardinals in February, one cardinal told him others had hesitated to speak out for fear of disagreeing with the pope.

“This is no good, this is not synodality,” the pope said.

Later in the morning, Cardinal Erdo, who as the synod’s relator has the task of guiding the discussion and synthesizing its results, gave an hour-long speech that drew on written statements submitted in advance by the synod fathers and on responses to a well-publicized questionnaire sent to the world’s bishops last November.

The Oct. 5-19 synod is not supposed to reach definitive conclusions but set the agenda for a larger world synod in October 2015, which will make recommendations to the pope.

Cardinal Erdo said the synods would seek to develop shared pastoral “guidelines to help those living in difficult situations,” so that individual bishops would not resort to the “improvisations of a do-it-yourself ministry.”

“What is being discussed at this

synod of an intense pastoral nature are not doctrinal issues, but the practical ones, nevertheless inseparable from the truths of the faith,” the cardinal said.

Among the difficult family situations he identified was that of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics, whose predicament Pope Francis has said exemplifies a general need for mercy in the church today.

The cardinal made only an oblique reference to what is sure to be one the synod’s most discussed topics: a controversial proposal by German Cardinal Walter Kasper that would make it easier for such Catholics to receive Communion, even if they do not obtain annulments of their first, sacramental marriages.

“It would be misleading to concentrate only on the question of the reception of the sacraments,” Cardinal Erdo said.

He focused instead on the possibility of streamlining and simplifying the annulment process — the task of a special commission Pope Francis established in late August — and noted proposals to allow bishops to declare marriages null as an administrative action, without holding a trial before a church tribunal.

“Under the influence of the existing culture, many reserve the right not to observe conjugal fidelity, to divorce and remarry if the marriage might not be successful, or not to open themselves to life,” the cardinal said, citing attitudes that could render marriages invalid.

While he reiterated Catholic teaching that “a second marriage recognized by the church is impossible while the first spouse is alive,” the cardinal said it would be important to study the “practice of some of the Orthodox churches, which allows for the possibility of a second or third marriage.”

Noting that Catholics increasingly choose to marry civilly or live together without marrying at all, Cardinal Erdo said the church should “draw close” to such couples in order to lead them on the “path toward celebrating the sacrament of marriage.” He said doing that would require the church to recognize

the “best part of these situations which oftentimes is not understood or capable of being grasped.”

“When these relationships are obviously stable in a publicly recognized legal bond, they are characterized by deep affection, display a parental responsibility towards their offspring and an ability to withstand trials,” he said.

On the subject of birth control, the cardinal emphasized that “openness to life is an essential part, an intrinsic requirement of conjugal love,” but said that families cannot be expected to live up to that value without an increased expression of “diffused and concrete solidarity” from the wider community, including the church.

“The tendency toward the privatization of love needs to be overcome,” he said. “The Western world risks making the family a reality entrusted exclusively to the choices of the individual, totally detached from a regulatory and institutional framework.”

Cardinal Erdo highlighted social and economic pressures on the family, an area that bishops from developing countries are likely to emphasize.

“We are not dealing with only problems involving individual behavior but the structures of sin hostile to the family, in a world of inequality and social injustice, of consumerism, on the one hand, and poverty, on the other,” the cardinal said, noting in particular the weight of “increasing job insecurity” and migration.

“The concrete support of the church for these families is unable to be done without a pro-active commitment through appropriate policies by governments and public agencies,” he said.

In contrast to many of the speakers at the last such gathering — the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization, held in October 2012 — Cardinal Erdo did not criticize the effects on secularism on traditional Christian morality. But he did mention the “disruptive” effects on the family of “various forms of dependence,” such as alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, sexual addiction and social networks.

Nation/World

Vatican City

Bishop’s dismissal not the result of sex abuse

The Vatican denied Pope Francis had dismissed a controversial Paraguayan bishop because of his mishandling of sex abuse accusations, attributing the decision instead to other failings of governance and friction with fellow bishops. Meanwhile, the bishop described his dismissal as a case of “ideological persecution” because of his opposition to liberation theology. Bishop Rogelio Livieres Plano, 69, was told to step down as head of the Diocese of Ciudad del Este effective Sept. 25, a Vatican statement said, citing unspecified “serious pastoral reasons.” News reports at the time noted the bishop’s vocal support for Msgr. Carlos Urrutigoity, whom he appointed a high diocesan official even though the priest had been accused of molesting seminarians before coming to Ciudad del Este.

Nigeria LAGOS

Archbishop probes multimillion-dollar arms deal

The president of the Nigerian bishops’ conference has called for an investigation into an alleged multimillion-dollar arms deal. Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama of Jos denied reports that he had accused the Rev. Ayodele Joseph Oritsejafor, president of the Christian Association of Nigeria, of wrongdoing after a jet owned by the minister was found by South African police to be carrying \$9.3 million in cash. South African police are investigating two Nigerians and an Israeli citizen who landed Sept. 5 at an airport near Johannesburg with bundles of unused \$100 bills packed in three suitcases in a small business jet from the Nigerian capital, Abuja.

Hong Kong

Cardinals call for break in political deadlock

The two cardinals in Hong Kong urged the government to solve the present political deadlock after police used force to disperse thousands of unarmed protesters who struggled for full democracy in the city. Cardinal John Tong Hon called upon the government to “exercise restraint in the deployment of force.” He issued a statement Sept. 29, the day after police used tear gas to disperse students and protesters who were concerned with Chinese restrictions on elections. On Oct. 1, Cardinal Joseph Zen ke-kiun suggested the government relaunch its political reform consultation.

New Jersey TOTOWA

Beloved author, retreat master and preacher, dies

Father Benedict J. Groeschel, who was a founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a leading pro-life figure and popular author, retreat master and preacher, died Oct. 3 at St. Joseph’s Home for the elderly in Totowa after a long illness. He was 81. A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Father Groeschel Oct. 10 at Newark’s cathedral basilica, followed by private burial.

Brazil SAO PAULO

Brazilian priests run for office in general elections

The Oct. 5 general elections in Brazil will feature more than 22,000 candidates vying for the posts of president, governors, senators and federal and state representatives. Twenty-three of those candidates are Brazilian priests, according to Brazil’s Superior Election Court. The Brazilian bishops’ conference has repeatedly stated that it is against priests who join a political party and run for public office. Several bishops told Catholic News Service that they temporarily suspend priests from publicly carrying out their religious duties when they run for or hold office.

Quote

“If you take away the voice of the people, you are taking away the voice of God.”

—Rabbi Justus Baird, dean of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York, during an Oct. 1 conference on corporate influence at the Catholic University of America

Wheee!

The kids had great fun slipping and sliding at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Summer Bash Aug. 24 in Papaikou on the Big Island. The event, coordinated by the parish's activities committee and members of the Filipino Catholic Club, also served up hot dogs, chili dogs, chili and rice, nachos and cheese, chips, cake, shave ice and popcorn, plus bingo and a fishing booth.

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SISTER ANNE BRYAN SMOLLIN, CSJ | 1943-2014

BILAC speaker's quips revealed the joy of being called Christian

Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Anne Bryan Smollin, a popular counselor, author and humorist from Albany, New York, who delighted Hawaii audiences with her talks at a couple of recent Marianist BILAC conferences on the Saint Louis-Chaminade campus in Honolulu, died Sept. 25. She was 71.



Sister Anne Bryan Smollin

“Sister had the ability to communicate the joy inherent in the call to be Christian,” said Marianist Brother Dennis Schmitz, coordinator of Marianist BILAC.

Sister Anne Bryan gave the Mackey Lecture at Marianist BILAC in 2011 and came back in 2013 as a keynote speaker. “Her speaking style was that of a stand-up comic from New York, but through that style she

was able to share deep spiritual truths,” Brother Schmitz said. “Her rapid fire delivery had people laughing so hard that tears streamed down their faces.”

Sister Anne Bryan entered the convent in 1961, taking her final vows in 1968. She first worked as an elementary school teacher, and then, earning a doctorate in counseling psychology, founded Counseling for Laity, a program of the Diocese of Albany, serving as its executive director for 33 years.

Her books include “God Knows You’re Stressed” and “Jiggle Your Heart and Tickle Your Soul.”

“At the end of her talks, people walked out with a lightness of step as they appreciated the joy of the Gospel,” Brother Dennis said, “When talking about joyless Christians she said, ‘You want to tell them to get off their crosses; we need the lumber.’”

“It was that kind of one-liner that shone light on a deep spiritual truth,” he said.

Chaminade to receive \$10 million in Title III funding over five years

Chaminade University of Honolulu will receive from the U.S. Department of Education \$2 million, renewable annually for five years for a total of \$10 million, as a part of the government’s Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian Serving Institution Title III program.

Of the 24 new grants totaling more than \$20 million the Title III program awarded in Hawaii, Chaminade is receiving the largest amount given to any single institution. The university said it is the school’s largest grant ever.

Chaminade will use some of the money to renovate and improve five of its academic buildings and student support facilities. The remainder will provide next-

generation technology systems in the classrooms and a new system supporting online and classroom learning.

Chaminade serves approximately 15 percent native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in its undergraduate student body who will directly benefit from the campus enhancements. Approximately half of the undergraduate students are first-generation college students.

Chaminade president Marianist Brother Bernard Ploeger called the grant “transformational for the campus and for the Native Hawaiian students we serve.”

Since 2002, the Title III program has provided \$35 million in funding for Chaminade.



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Big contributors to Catholic education recognized at Augustine reception

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

The cheerful clique of Catholic high school students greeting guests at the Augustine Educational Foundation's annual donor appreciation reception Sept. 25 at the Halekulani Hotel's Hau Terrace Lanai represented the life-changing potential of the scholarship-granting organization.

They were the PWH scholars, 16 students handpicked from public middle schools and given a remarkable opportunity — a full four-year scholarship to a Catholic high school that comes with a one-on-one academic coach, a counselor and a mentoring program.

These are “deserving” students for whom a Catholic school education would otherwise have been a financial impossibility, said Augustine Educational Foundation executive director Sue Ferandin. They attend Damien Memorial School, Sacred Hearts Academy and Saint Francis School.

The PWH Educational Foundation, the sponsor of these scholarships, was one of the contributors to Hawaii Catholic education highlighted by the Halekulani reception.

The PWH Scholars Program began in 2012 with a \$1 million grant from the PWH Foundation to the Augustine Foundation. The PWH Foundation will continue annual grants until 2018.

Also recognized was Msgr.



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Chantelle Enos, teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Pearl City

Terrence Watanabe, pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Kihei, who received the Augustine Foundation's Glass Apple Award for his energetic support of Catholic schools on Maui.

According to Ferandin, the Maui monsignor was instrumental in creating the Maui Catholic Tuition Assistance Fund, which she said provides \$2,000 to \$3,000 a month to help children of Maui's middle income Catholic families attend Catholic schools. Msgr. Watanabe's parish continues to raise most of the money for the fund, she said.

“He is a friend of the foundation who needs to be recognized,”

Ferandin said.

The event's special speaker was Chantelle Enos, a second grade teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Pearl City who described her job as a “direct calling from God.”

Enos is a graduate from Our Lady Good Counsel, Saint Francis School in Honolulu, Chamade University of Honolulu and the University of Scranton. She described teaching as a “great responsibility” that “does not stop at academics” but, through the passing on of faith and values, helps students “touch eternity.”

Bishop Larry Silva, chairman of the Augustine Educational Foundation, recognized Kamehameha Schools' contribution of \$1.32 million to the Kipona Scholarship Program which provides native Hawaiian students with a Catholic school education. He also acknowledged the late Gus and Anna Hochuli of the Big Island for their \$1.1 million bequest that in September provided more than \$42,000 in scholarships to St. Joseph Schools in Hilo.

The Augustine Foundation last month sent out more than 400 scholarship checks totaling about \$641,000 in scholarships, “a record,” Ferandin said.

Since it was founded by the late Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario, the foundation has given more than 8,100 students tuition assistance amounting to more than \$8 million.



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That's cold

Sister Joan of Arc Souza of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities took the popular “Ice Bucket Challenge” Sept. 23 to raise money for the ALS Association, which promotes research for a cure to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Sister Joan of Arc, head of school at St. Francis School in Manoa, gamely participated as student athletes dumped buckets of icy cold water over her. The diocese has allowed participation in the Ice Bucket Challenge with the stipulation that funds collected for the ALS Association must be designated for research that does not involve embryonic stem cells.

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Hawaii deputies named for Young Ladies' Institute

The Young Ladies' Institute grand president Mariella Caccac-Watson of Shoreline, Washington, recently announced the deputies for Hawaii District #22 for 2014-15. They are Rosalie Smith of Ana Malia #208 as district deputy; Evelyn Cabral of Kailua #213 as institute deputy for Ana Malia #208; and Mary Wuscher of



Rosalie Smith

Ana Malia #208 as institute deputy for Kailua #213.

Caccac-Watson's program for the year is "Learn to Read; Read to Learn." YLI members throughout California, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii will work to support reading through libraries, schools, senior centers and other programs.

District deputy Smith made her appointments for the district as follows: advisor Evelyn Cabral; secretary Rhoda Hiro; treasurer Mary Wuscher; publicity Linda Cravalho; scrapbook Tiffany Cadinha; and spiritual advisor Judy Giacobello.

Smith will make her official visit to Kailua #213 on Dec. 10, at Father Henry Hall, St. Anthony Church at 6:30 p.m. and to Ana Malia #208 on Feb. 23, at St. Ann Food Court in Kaneohe at 6 p.m.

Plans are being made for a district retreat next March, a Lenten Mass and brunch and a March 21 Lenten day of recollection.

Jacqueline Medrano crowned FCC scholarship pageant queen

Sacred Hearts Father Christopher Keahi crowned Jacqueline Buted Medrano as Queen of Charity at the Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs 59th Annual Queen of Charity and Scholarship Awards pageant on Aug. 16 at St. Michael Parish in Waialua.

The newly crowned royalty, with her nine princesses, then presented flowers before the statue of the Blessed Mother Mary before the start of Mass. Members of the congregation did the same.

The court princesses were Maricelle Redona, Princess of Hope; Normie Jean Galapon, Princess of Faith; Teresa Jodar, Princess of Justice; Kathleen Mones, Princess of Prudence; Angelika Dayro Racan, Princess of Fortitude; Catherine Cuizon, Princess of Temperance; Shannon Ashley Doming-



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From left, front row, Princesses Angelika Dayro Racan, Normie Jean Galapon, Queen Jacqueline Medrano, Princesses Maricelle Redona and Shannon Domingil. Back row, Princesses Teresa Jodar, Kathleen Mones, Karma Orpiano, Catherine Cuizon and Karen Joy Embajador.

sil, Princess of Peace; Karen Joy Embajador, Princess of Freedom; and Karma Orpiano, Princess of Wisdom.

During the pageant after Mass and dinner, Margaret Sagaysay served as mistress of ceremonies and Dallas Carter gave the key-

note address. Last year's charity queen Victoria Baria-Ventura presented the traditional cape and scepter to her successor. Judy Datzman and Clementina Ceria-Ulep, the Oahu council president and first vice president respectively, presented scholarships to one seminarian, 15 college and university students and five high school students.

The scholarship recipients, Queen Jackie, the Waianae Filipino Catholic Club and Tymeless provided music and entertainment. The pageant closed with everyone singing, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart."

More than 300 people from 12 parishes attended the annual event which was hosted this year by the St. Michael Filipino Catholic Club.

Day at the beach house

Three Secular Franciscan Fraternities of the Hawaii region gathered at Blessings House in Ewa Beach for a day of recollection with their spiritual assistant, Capuchin Franciscan Father Gordon Combs on Sept. 20. Reflecting on the "Testament of St. Francis," the group prayed, played and enjoyed God's beautiful creation at the beach house.

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Love and aloha

Kay Botelho, 93, embraces a student at Star of the Sea School in Waialae-Kahala at the celebration of her "retirement," Sept. 26. Students, faculty and staff gathered after the 8 a.m. Mass at Star of the Sea Church to thank Botelho for 19 years of full-time volunteer service. Her daughter, Kathy, is a middle school teacher at Star of the Sea.

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Catholic Charities a sponsor of March Against Violence

Catholic Charities Hawaii is one of the major sponsors for the 20th Annual Men's March Against Violence, a yearly demonstration highlighting awareness of domestic violence, Oct. 23, in downtown Honolulu. The event begins with a short march starting at noon from the State Capitol rotunda to Honolulu Hale's Skygate Park, where a rally is scheduled for 12:20 p.m.

Men are asked to do the walk, but anyone is welcome to march alongside them. Marchers may wear company or school shirts and bring a banner identifying their organization. All are encouraged to attend the post-march rally, which will feature several speakers. The honorary chairman of the event is Dr. Jerris Hedges, dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Other sponsors include the Domestic Violence Action Center, the City and County of Honolulu, Kaiser Permanente, Kapiolani Community College, YMCA and PHOCUSED.

For more information, call 527-4745.



Bishop Larry Silva in previous march.

Former Newman director to lead pilgrimages to Spain, Lourdes, Fatima

Join the former director of Honolulu's Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish, Jesuit Father Russell Roide, for a pilgrimage next summer to the shrines of Spain, Lourdes, Fatima and Paris.

Father Roide will be the spiritual director of trip sponsored by 206Tours. The dates for the complete pilgrimage, which also offers shorter options, are June 5 to June 20.

The pilgrimage begins in Bar-

celona, Spain, with an excursion to the Monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat where St. Ignatius Loyola began his conversion by placing his sword at the statue of the Black Madonna and exchanging his noble clothes with those of a beggar. He then went to Manresa about seven miles away and lived in a cave where he wrote his Spiritual Exercises which were refined during theological studies in Paris. The cave

now houses a retreat house.

In Spain, the pilgrimage will also visit Madrid, Toledo and Santiago de Compostela. It will continue on to Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca, Avila (home of St. Teresa), the famous Cathedral of Burgos, Loyola (where St. Ignatius was born), and finally Lourdes.

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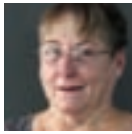
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A time to every purpose

"To everything there is a season."

Familiar words, a passage from the Old Testament that you'll hear in a homily, often in a eulogy, sometimes in politicians' rhetoric.

There it was in the daily newspaper Sept. 23, on that page dedicated to deep, thoughtful, insightful perspectives on our lives and times. No, it wasn't the editorial page, not even Dave Shapiro's pithy commentary.

The quote from the book of Ecclesiastes was on the comics page, in "Mutts" by Patrick McDonnell. It was one of a series of comic strips using quotes from famous authors extolling the glory of trees changing color as the summer season changes to autumn.

So, thanks to that artist, the song "Turn, Turn, Turn" has become my fall theme song. The tune is by Pete Seeger, but the lyrics are lifted verbatim from Ecclesiastes, written by King Solomon centuries before Jesus was born. Powerful stuff, it can help a person recognize that change is part of the rhythm of life and that grief and grim times won't last forever.

It's not "Whistle a Happy Tune" echoing in my head. There's a phrase to match every chapter in our lives, every film clip of world events, harsh and horrible as well as happy: "A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to get and a time to lose; a time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace." The only words by Seeger are the postscript after "a time of peace" — "I swear it's not too late." Everyone from The Byrds to Bruce Springsteen to Dolly Parton — no kidding — recorded their version of what became an anti-war and civil rights anthem.

"A time to keep silence and a time to speak."

The song may have stirred the crowds at events near and far held on Sept. 21. That's the International Day of Peace, the anniversary of a United Nations 1981 resolution affirming the "right of peoples to peace." I doubt many readers have even heard of it. The news media succeeded in ignoring the several events held on Oahu, including the all-day Queen Liliuokalani International Day of Peace on Iolani Palace grounds and another at the Pearl City Peace Garden. They drew a few dozen people involved in community causes, mediation efforts, advocates for the poor,

immigrants, homeless, who persist in standing together for peaceful solutions in the face of widespread apathy.

Modern day musicians and other creative artists are speaking out about our dysfunctional society, the deep divide between the mega-rich and most of us, the entitlement mindset that the rules don't apply to stars and celebrities. But to tell truth, I don't want songs loaded with bleep words ringing in my head so I'm sticking to my vintage hum.

"A time to weep and a time to laugh."

Others might have recognized that those well-intentioned people celebrating peace as a good time made a poignant counterpoint to the news that day from the Middle East and North Africa and crime-ridden American cities and sports teams, businesses and neighborhoods where people turn a blind eye to domestic violence in their midst.

"A time to break down and a time to build up."

Another high-priced high-rise tower is announced by millionaire developers and it always seems to be on a day when the feckless government is tearing down the leaky tents of homeless people, or talking, talking, talking about future solutions.

"A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together."

Oh dear, I can't help it if stones come to mind whenever I collect another postcard diatribe from the mailbox or watch candidate commercials bashing the other guy. We'll have our chance to gather or to scatter them very soon. Nov. 4 is election day.



"A time to keep and a time to cast away."

That strikes a practical chord with me. It is time to clear out the closets and give a resounding yes to that pesky monthly call from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. That's a very autumnish thing to do in a lot of cultures. I feel selfish making such a simplistic view of casting out at a time when Paho residents and California mountaintop dwellers and refugees leaving their homes all over the planet don't really have the choice to keep and hold.

"A time to plant and a time to reap."

Autumn's beauty is a memory I share with lots of local residents who've had the experience. Of course I clipped that comic strip and the others waxing poetic about Mother Nature's artistry. For my Mainland family and friends, ready or not, here they come. These are the people who have to move past the poetry of glowing colors to the reality of raking up all those leaves. It's the finale of the season of plenty, when everything has been harvested, no more vegetable and fruit treasures in the garden.

Enduring our tropical heat, we might envy the cooling weather that turned those leaves to red and gold. But living in a clement climate, we escape the urgency of the changing season. Winter is ahead, but we didn't need to bolster the house to be a fortress against its harshness. We don't need to tune up the car and buy boots to survive the freeze ahead. Let's head for the beach and deal with what-

ever later.

We just never need to get our act together very urgently. Indolence is epidemic, it's the accepted pace of work and personal behavior. Contractors finish building projects and government crews pave roads and lay water lines at a rapid pace where they face the fact of freezing weather. Not so here.

"A time to be born and a time to die."

A visiting friend, who squirmed at being surrounded by cockroaches and whitefly, told me "what this place needs is a good killing frost." We still laugh about that, but there was wisdom in it. Hawaii's everlasting summer and the pleasure-based culture of today aren't necessarily a healthy thing. That's why I don't agree when people grieve when young people from Hawaii move to the Mainland. They enter their own season of change. If just a few find their way back with new ideas gleaned from the wider horizons, they are our hope that this place can be changed for the better.

A time to contemplate and a time to plan. Well, no, those weren't exactly on Solomon's list. That's the beginning of mine.

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Poem

Moonlight paddling

By Easter Almuena

Special to the Herald

Moon cake of light gold crusting
Marking the eerie dark of the night
With a taste of quaint entrance
As if mocking the daylight turn

Rush to the kayaks!
We keiki of the morning light
Who dive into the Pacific in beats
Of pounding hearts and vigilant eyes

Arms move to the rhythm of paddles
With movements of incandescence
Below in silence, moon meets moon
With moon maker in shadow crest!

Office for Social Ministry

TALK STORY

One body in Christ

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ ... made up of many parts" (Romans 2:5).

Aloha,

If we are one body, when one part is affected, what is the response of the other parts?

Our sisters and brothers at Sacred Heart Parish in Paho wake up every day facing an uncertain future. Even as they struggle to recover from recent storms, lava flows relentlessly toward them threatening to cut off access to vital roads lined with electrical wires and pipes for water.

The trauma is already taking its toll; simple travel time to nearby Hilo is doubling; the parish preschool has closed depriving parents of day care and the parish of income; families are preparing to

move or already have moved temporarily or permanently; garage sales are everywhere; groundbreaking for the construction of affordable housing for kupuna is postponed; parish plans for safely storing records are beginning to be implemented; the parish council is exploring options for use of the previous Montessori site and researching what is required for removing the remains of loved ones from the parish cemetery.

In the midst of it all, the parish is coming together, especially during weekend Masses to be nourished as one body, sharing as one ohana. On Sunday, Oct. 12, a parish potluck and town meeting at noon will provide an opportunity to talk story

about disaster preparedness and community resilience — connecting parishioners to community resources.

How can we respond as one body in Christ to the difficulties that one part of our ohana is facing? That is what the Paho parishioners will be asking as they gather. It is a question we all need to ask ourselves. How can we also respond in prayer and simple practical ways, like helping the parish pay for the Mass books they recently ordered but now cannot afford, or for the school supplies of kids struggling with all this uncertainty.

Please contact Sacred Heart Parish in Paho at 965-8202 or at shpaho@gmail.com.

Your friends at the Office for Social Ministry



Msgr. Owen F.
Campion
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All that matters is to be with God

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

The first part of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend's first liturgical reading. Understanding the cultural, social, political and economic context surrounding the composition of biblical texts always helps to capture their meaning.

As a general rule, times rarely were good for the Chosen People. But now and then, better times would come.

In good days or bad, as a general rule, the prophets saw little religious fervor for which they could rejoice. Invariably the prophets saw this absence of devotion to God as the root of trouble in the world. It was not the result of divine revenge.

So the prophets urged the people always to be true to God and suspicious of paganism.

When this writing was written, times were not all that bad, but dark clouds lay on the horizon. The people, generally speaking, were lukewarm in honoring God and Isaiah loudly protested that their lapse in religion invited their doom.

Isaiah also insists that if the people are faithful to God, all will be right. Peace and security will reign. Prosperity will prevail. The holy city of Jerusalem, God's city and the royal capital, will be seen throughout the world as the center of a great nation.

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Philippians. This passage was written while Paul was in prison. On several occasions recorded in Acts or in the Pauline epistles, Paul was imprisoned, having been arrested for preaching the Gospel, rebuking the establishment or simply disturbing the peace.

Being jailed, humiliated and abused were Paul's plight. Nevertheless, he said that his faith in God never lessened, nor did his commitment to proclaiming the Gospel. Nothing else mattered, not even his comfort or personal well-being. God gave Christ to the world. Paul felt that he had to extend this gift far and wide.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. The reading is a parable with three parts.

In the first part, a "king" who represents God invites guests to a wedding banquet for his son. These people reject the invitation. The king invites guests again. Again, the invitation is ignored. Then, in the second part, the king invites outcasts and strangers to the feast. They come. In the third part, however, the king sees a guest at the banquet improperly dressed. He orders this guest to be thrown out.

The king's servants represent the prophets. The prospective guests who spurn the invitation represent the people of Israel. The outcasts and strangers represent the aliens and the sinful.

The message is that God's mercy extends to everyone. Even so, God drags no one into the kingdom of heaven. Even repentant sinners must reform to be worthy of heaven.

Reflection

These readings call us to several basic facts. The first is that God never fails in mercy. He does not disavow the promise, spoken long ago through the prophets, and then finally by Christ, to guide people to everlasting life by revealing to them the laws of righteousness and by strengthening their resolve to be good.

The second fact is simple and constant throughout history, but hard for humans to accept. The fact is that humans sin. The effects of Original Sin weaken humans, distort their perceptions, renders them myopic and afraid. Instead of turning to God for security, they exaggerate their own powers.

Conversion requires a frank realization of the need for God. He alone shows the way. He alone provides strength. He alone is the reward.

In this realization, humans come to the same firm conviction that drove St. Paul. Nothing matters other than to be with God. Everything other than God is fickle and impermanent, leading not to joy but ultimately to grief and despair.

Catechesis



Father Kenneth
Doyle
QUESTION CORNER

May I be a witness for a civil marriage?

Q I am a practicing Catholic. A female friend of mine who was baptized Catholic and her live-in boyfriend (of 25 years) decided to get married by a justice of the peace. My friend attends a Christian non-denominational church; the boyfriend does not attend any religious services. (He has been on disability for many years from schizophrenia; she is manic-depressive.) The brother of the boyfriend is a Catholic priest.

My friend asked me to go to the wedding ceremony and serve as a legal witness. I asked my parish priest, and he said that I could. So I went to the ceremony, presided over by the JP [justice of the peace], and also to the reception. The boyfriend's brother, the priest, was not at the ceremony but did attend the reception, though briefly.

My question is this: If that priest, the groom's brother, did not feel comfortable being at the ceremony, then why was I allowed to participate? (Name of city withheld)

A I think I know why your parish priest said that it was OK for you to serve as a witness. But I can also understand why the other priest, the brother of the groom, might have felt uncomfortable attending the ceremony. You mentioned that your friend had been baptized a Catholic but now attends a different church. My guess is that her boyfriend was also once a Catholic, since his brother is a priest.

Since neither of the spouses is now a practicing Catholic, no one would reasonably expect them to feel

obligated to be married in a Catholic ceremony. On balance, I think it's preferable that they be married civilly rather than not at all, especially since that creates certain legal responsibilities for each other's welfare.

To give them credit, their decision to marry may well have been a principled one, a determination to "make right" their living together. Your support as a friend evidently means a lot to them and is especially important given their recurring struggles with mental illness. For all these reasons, I think that you made the right choice to serve as their witness.

As for the groom's brother, I have of course no awareness of the family dynamics, but he may have felt that his presence at the wedding, even as a nonparticipant, could have been viewed as an official endorsement of the ceremony by the Catholic Church and as an encouragement for others to marry in a nonreligious setting.

Why does the priest mix water and wine at Mass?

Q I have long wondered why the priest mixes water with the

wine at the offertory of the Mass. I have done some research and learned that this was the practice as early as the second century, but I don't understand why it is done. (Medford Lakes, New Jersey)

A When the priest at the offertory of the Mass pours a drop of water into the chalice filled with wine, it symbolizes the commingling of the divinity of Jesus with our humanity. When doing so, the priest says to himself: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

This symbolic gesture can be found in the earliest rituals of the Eucharist, and St. Cyprian speaks of it in the middle of the third century: "When the water is mingled in the cup with wine, the people are made one with Christ."

St. Thomas Aquinas in "Summa Theologiae" mentions a second symbolism: the water and the blood that flowed together from the side of Christ during his passion. St. Thomas also notes the "probability" that Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper with wine tempered with water, since that mixture was a common practice among Jews and in Mediterranean cultures of the time.

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Beatitudes

Blessed are they that **suffer persecution for justice' sake**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



People gather at the site of an Oct. 2 car bomb attack that killed 11 people in Baghdad. Pope Francis opened a three-day summit Oct. 2 on the violence and persecution underway in the Middle East, saying arms trafficking was the root cause of many problems in the region.

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Father John Catoir

When God says no

What do you do when God, your friend and protector, suddenly turns you down and says “no”?

A tragic event, such as a death, can topple your childhood dreams about a heavenly Father who will help you through the trials and tribulations of life. Deaths happen all the time. However, when someone you love dies, even though you pray and plea to save them, it can be heart-wrenching.

The anger and confusion that an unwanted death unleashes can be devastating. You begin to doubt the very existence of God. Ultimately, the experience will either lead you to a reluctant acceptance of God's will or a rejection of his will.

We see examples of this in the Bible, in those disillusioned that God, their protector, would allow others to enslave them, and in those who remained faithful and praised God for their subsequent liberation.

We hear of this when some question why God would allow unthinkable atrocities such as the Holocaust to occur.

In the Bible, God reveals his answer to such questions. A man named Job had his world turned upside down by numerous tragedies. One misfortune after another devastated him, and yet he remained steadfast in his faith. He put on the will to honor God, no matter how great the miseries of his life affected him. In the end, God rewarded him for his deep devotion.

Upon prayerful reflection of the Job story, you may gain some perspective on the simple concept: Life is a test.

We all have drama in our lives, things that we can't understand and sometimes take out on God. I had my own drama when I was in the seminary.

I was confident that God would grant my plea, but God did not answer.

My mother was very sick, and I prayed incessantly that God would heal her and let her live to see me ordained.

Was that too much to ask? I was confident that God would grant my plea, but God did not answer. He took her home two years before my ordination. Needless to say, I was deeply shaken, not because I needed motherly care. After all, I had been on my own through-

out my college years and in the Army. I was shaken because I suddenly had serious doubts about God as a helper and protector.

How could I go on as a priest if I could not depend on God's promise to help when I needed it?

I began to doubt my vocation. Was God really calling me to be a priest, or was it all a figment of my pious imagination? In the weeks that followed, I endured a state of distress and continued with my classes, putting on as brave a front as I could muster.

Then gradually, in a month or two, I began understanding the whole experience as a test of faith. I thought about the fact that my mother's suffering, which had lasted for many years, was at last over. This was a good thing. I could see her sitting in a front-row seat, in heaven, on my ordination day.

I began to realize that time does heal and that God's will takes into account the suffering of others, not just the pain of one person.



Father Ron Rolheiser

On how we react to criticism

Have you ever noted how we spontaneously react to a perceived threat? Faced with a threat, our primal instincts tend to take over and we instantly freeze over and begin to shut all the doors opening to warmth, gentleness and empathy inside us.

That's a natural reaction, deeply rooted inside our nature. Biologists tell us that, whenever we perceive something or someone as threatening us, paranoia instinctually arises inside us and has the effect of driving us back toward a more primitive place inside our bodies, namely, the reptile part of our brain, that remnant still inside us from our evolutionary origins millions of years ago. And reptiles are cold-blooded. So too, it seems, are we when we're threatened.

This, I believe, helps explain much of the paranoia and violence in our world today as well as the bitter rhetoric that, almost universally, is blocking any real possibility of meaningful discussion apposite our tensions today within politics, economics and our churches.

We live in a bitterly polarized world. All of us recognize this, and all of us see a lot of cold-bloodedness inside world politics, inside the politics of our own countries and communities and, sadly, not least, inside our churches. What we see in nearly every discussion today where there is disagreement is a cold, hard rhetoric that is not really open to genuine dialogue and is, invariably, the antithesis of charity, graciousness and respect. What we see instead is paranoia, demonization of those who disagree with us, ridicule of our opponents' sincerity and values, and blind self-defensiveness.

Moreover this bitterness and disrespect, so contrary to all that's in the Gospels and to all that's noble inside us, is invariably “sacralized,” that is, it is rationalized as demanded by “God” because we

believe that what we are doing is for God. Or for truth, or for country, or for the poor, or for mother-nature, or for art, or for something whose transcendent value, we believe, justifies our bracketing both Jesus and common courtesy. If you doubt this, simply turn on any radio or television station that does commentary on politics or religion or listen to any political or religious debate today. We are, as John Shea puts it, more skilled in justification than in self-examination; but then, we can sacralize our disrespect and lack of elemental charity.

But in doing this we are far from the Gospel, far from Jesus, and far from what's best inside us. We're meant to be more than the reptile part of our brains and more than the instincts we inherited from our ancient ancestors, the beasts of prey. We're called to something higher, called to respond to threat beyond the blind response of instinct.

St. Paul's own reaction to threat can serve as a template for what our ideal response should be. He writes: “When we are ridiculed, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we respond gently” (1 Corinthians 4, 12-13). Earlier in the same letter, he had already given another counsel in regard to dealing with opposition. It is to live with enough patience inside opposition so as not to have to defend yourself, let God and history do that for you: “It does not concern me in the least that I be judged by you or any human tribunal; I do not even pass judgment on myself; I am not conscious of anything against me, but I do not hereby stand acquitted;

the one who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, do not make any judgment before the appointed time.”

Admittedly, this is difficult. Our instinctual self is not easily subdued. Like everyone else, I struggle a lot with this. Every time I hear or read someone who dismisses my preaching and writing as heretical, or dangerous, or (even more biting) as light-weight fluff, the reptile part of my brain stirs to do its ancient job and my natural instincts bitterly resist the high road that St. Paul so wisely counsels. Natural instinct does not want to try to understand the position of the one who has belittled us, nor does it not want to bless and endure and respond gently. It wants blood. I suspect that everyone's instincts work in the same way. Natural instinct doesn't easily honor the Gospel.

But, that's the test; indeed one of the litmus tests of Christian discipleship. When we look at the core of Jesus' moral teachings and ask ourselves, what more than anything else sets Jesus apart from other moral teachers? What particular challenge of his might serve as a litmus test for genuine discipleship?

I submit that at the core of Jesus' teaching lies this challenge: Can I love an enemy? Can I bless someone who curses me? Can I wish good to someone who wishes me evil? Can I genuinely forgive someone who's been unfair to me? And perhaps even more importantly, can I live in patience when I'm in tension, not rushing to defend myself, but leaving that defense to history and to God?

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Myfaith



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IN LITTLE WAYS

Life on the mat

A high school buddy of mine is a Presbyterian minister in West Virginia. In a recent email, he wrote, "Got to preach Sunday on the passage from Genesis that is the foundational rock of my theology ... Jacob and his wrestling match with God ... (Genesis 32:22-32). It's always been my contention that the wrestling went on all night because God was getting something out of it. As you know, wrestling is the most intimate activity this side of intercourse, and it's the intimacy that I believe God was enjoying. God wants intimate contact with us. God wants us to come to him and wrestle with our concerns, our doubts, our faith, our shortcomings, everything and anything. God doesn't want blind unquestioning faith. How boring for God. God would much rather have us encounter God; spend time in God's presence where we can feel each other and smell each other's breath, as it were."

His insight reminded me of one of my favorite passages, Mark 4:1-20, the parable of the sower. Jesus says the sower scatters seed, but only the seed that falls on rich ground produces anything worthwhile. At that point, it's not much of a story, so after the crowd leaves, the disciples ask for a fuller explanation. Jesus responds, "The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside, everything comes in parables, so that 'they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven.'"

That sounds massively unfair. Does God deliberately make the truth hard to understand so that only his favorites will believe? Why explain things to the disciples and not to the presumably puzzled crowd? The difference, I have concluded, is that the disciples asked. The rest of the audience was apparently too proud or indifferent to demand an explanation. So they heard but never understood.

Jesus often makes cryptic or confusing remarks, and I think he does it for the same reason that his father spent the night wrestling with Jacob. He's trying to provoke a deeper response than, "Nice sermon, rabbi." He wants us to demand answers and complain when we don't get them. He wants our minds and hearts engaged in a sweaty give and take of

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faith, doubt, joy and frustration. I think God longs for a relationship with us so close and intimate that wrestling, sex and pregnancy are just pale imitations.

In Christ, God literally got under our skin. He didn't just briefly take on human form. He was an actual human being. He personally experienced humanity's limitations, confusion and suffering. He came to us through the water and blood of childbirth and died for us stained with his own blood and bodily fluids. In between, he enjoyed a good meal and tasted hunger. He formed close friendships and felt the pain of betrayal. I'm sure he also got gas from green dates and blisters from new sandals. He was really real.

Furthermore, God's love affair with humanity didn't end with Christ's resurrection. He still talks and walks with anyone who gives him the time of day, and he doesn't demand perfection first. After all, he picked cowardly Peter to head his church and made cranky Paul her first theologian. We don't have to be well-educated, brave or even interesting to live intimately with God. We just have to let him in. Fear, fatigue, pain or pride may make it hard to feel God's presence, but he is always there, eager to share the good and the bad of the life he gave us.

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VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

Choosing adoration



Interviewed by Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
Hawaii Catholic Herald

A retreat master once said that if you come to the point someday where you are so busy that you need to make a choice between saying the Divine Office and making adoration, choose adoration. Others will uphold you as they say the prayer of the church. But in adoration, you are taking time for God. I have never been in a ministry where there was not enough time; that it was impossible to have time for God.

Pope Benedict, in his teachings on the liturgy, makes the point that the Eucharist is an act of adoration. Sometimes we forget this. We may think that the Mass is about us and the priest's personality or his homily. The liturgy however, is an act of worship where we are to be present and totally focused on God. If I lose that perspective, I lose the sense of God-centeredness.

What do I do during adoration? When I was a philosophy student in the seminary one of the priests told me "When you go to adoration, take with you the Eucharistic prayers from the Mass and use them for your adoration." That really helped. The Eucharist as the great adoration is encapsulated in the closing words of the Eucharistic Prayer, "Through him and with him and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours forever and ever." We praise our loving Father through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus. We are able to do that because the Holy Spirit is within us.

Adoration outside of the Mass is a continuation of this praise and worship. As a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, adoration is not only a contemplative form of prayer, it is part of our mission. It is a part of our apostolate to pray for the world, in reparation for sinners and our own sins. To adore Jesus is to tell him of our love and to give thanks for the many blessings both big and small that we receive each day.

Aside from being involved in the blessed life of the parish here in Wahiawa, I have had the grace to give retreats to sisters, especially to contemplative sisters. They have taught me a lot about the simplicity and the otherness of God. Through the beautiful writings of the letters of St. Clare to Agnes of Prague, to the "nada" — let nothing disturb you — of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, they taught me that you can't figure God out.

One of the books that I sometimes use for prayer was given to me years ago. It is filled with photos of the universe taken from the Hubble spacecraft. It starts with pictures of the earth and the atmosphere of the earth, and then goes out to the Milky Way and the solar system. There are also photos of the supernovas, etc. What you see is how the universe is expanding all the time. God is greater than that. So is worship and adoration.

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The right response to Pono Choices

By Michael Rockers and Jayne Mondoy
Special to the Herald

The Pono Choices curriculum, an unintended teen pregnancy and sexually-transmitted disease prevention program for middle school students in Hawaii's public school system, has (again) been in the news. On Sept. 4, the Hawaii State Department of Education announced its approval of an updated version of the curriculum.

The DOE also changed its policy from parents having the choice to opt-out of Pono Choices, if they provide the correct forms to the school, to an opt-in option. Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, all parents must sign an opt-in form to allow their children to participate in sexual health education.

We applaud DOE's decision. It shows it is listening to parents and groups who have serious concerns related to Pono Choices on many levels including age-appropriateness, its graphic nature, inaccurate definitions and medical inaccuracies.

The debate about Pono Choices highlights serious concerns parents have regarding the best way to teach

their children in matters related to the sensitive issues of intimacy and sexuality. Since Catholic parents are entrusted, from the moment of their child's baptism, with the role of being the primary educators in matters of faith, including the church's teachings on chastity and human sexuality, it is best to look at these issues in a broader sense and in the light of Catholic teachings.

Here are two resources which can help parents understand what to teach:

- "Basic Guidelines for Human Sexuality Education Within the Family," by the Diocese of Honolulu Religious Education Office, available at www.catholicahawaii.org/adultfaith.

- "A Parent's Guide: Teaching the Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality." Preview the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vf4vs5D8zxl>. To buy it, go to www.catholicparents.org and look under "multimedia" then "family."

Here is a resource which can help parents understand when to teach:

- "Chastity and Human Sexuality in the Early, Adolescent, and Teen Years," available at www.catholicahawaii.org/adultfaith.

Equipped with this basic informa-

tion, what should parents do specifically regarding Pono Choices or any human sexuality curriculum in your public school?

First, pray with your spouse, pastor or a close friend. Call upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom, understanding, and strength.

Examine the human sexuality curriculum at your child's school to gain a good understanding of what your child will learn.

Do not "opt in" your child if the human sexuality curriculum does not align with the values of your family and the church or is not age-appropriate.

Discuss your values with your child in a loving, nurturing and age-appropriate way.

Lastly, we are the church. Join with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Find support with parents who hold common values by getting involved with your parish religious education program or consider enrolling your child in a Catholic school.

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Saints

Mother Theodore Guerin

1798 - 1856

October 3



A Breton by birth, Anne-Therese Guerin was 25 when she entered the Sisters of Providence of Ruille-sur-Loir, France. As Sister Theodore, she directed schools in Rennes and Sou-laines, where she also studied pharmacy and medicine. Despite poor health, she led five other nuns across the Atlantic to a new mission on the American Frontier. St. Mary-of-the-Woods Academy, which they began in Indiana, is now the oldest U.S. Catholic college for women. Mother Theodore survived a harsh climate, a major fire and the hostility of the local bishop, also from France, to found the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Canonized in 2006, she often advised others, "Put yourself gently into the hands of Providence." © CNS

Ordinary time



Diversions



Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

Saints, Scripture and so much more — that's what this quiz is made of! We're happily trotting through October, quizzastics. Hope you've brushed up on the many Catholic celebrations going on this month. I've got some tough questions on them below.

1) Saints

Which Spanish nun, whose feast day is Oct. 15, was one of the first women to become a Doctor of the Church?

- a) St. Angela of the Cross
- b) St. Carmen Salles y Barangueras
- c) St. Beatrice of Silva
- d) St. Teresa of Avila

2) Scripture

In which Gospel can you find the line, "He must increase, but I must decrease"?

- a) Matthew
- b) Mark

- c) Luke
- d) John

3) Devotions

The Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, a worldwide Catholic spiritual association, is under the auspices of which religious order?

- a) Dominicans
- b) Franciscans
- c) Carmelites
- d) Congregation of Notre Dame

4) Basilicas

Which of the following is NOT true about the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome?

- a) It is the largest Catholic Marian church in Rome
- b) It is sometimes referred to as the church of Our Lady of the Snows
- c) It is the site of the original "Last Supper" painting
- d) It houses the tomb of famed Italian

architect-artist Gian Lorenzo Bernini

5) Definitions

An uninterrupted time of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is called what?

- a) Adoration
- b) Beatification
- c) Sanctification
- d) Transubstantiation

6) Church in Hawaii

True or false: The gilded statue of Our Lady of Peace next to its namesake Cathedral Basilica in Honolulu is a copy of a statue modeled after a sculpture of the Greek goddess Irene and her son Pluto.

- a) True
- b) False

7) Current events

The 2015 World Meeting of Families, which may include a visit by Pope Francis, will be held in what city?

- a) Manila
- b) Philadelphia
- c) Buenos Aires
- d) Sydney

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

Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi

Scripture search

PAT KASTEN

Gospel for October 12, 2014

Matthew 22:1-14

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a strange wedding feast. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	KINGDOM	A KING
WEDDING	INVITED	PREPARED
BUSINESS	MISTREATED	ENRAGED
TROOPS	MURDERERS	BURNED
STREETS	GATHERED	FOUND
GUESTS	FRIEND	BIND
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Catholic crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "...a poor man is better than a ___" (Prov 19:22)
- 5 Eden fruit?
- 10 Angelus time
- 14 US government agency
- 15 East Indian pepper plant
- 16 "My treat"
- 17 Stuff of creation
- 18 Copper and zinc alloy
- 19 Some votes
- 20 "___ the vine..." (Jn 15:5)
- 21 Golly!
- 22 Toothed wheels
- 23 Originate
- 25 Frat letters
- 27 Jesus told Peter to cast this out
- 28 Christmas song
- 30 ___ culpa
- 33 Title for Pio
- 35 German submarine
- 36 Proverb finale
- 37 Topping in a tub
- 38 Pile
- 39 Latin 101 verb
- 40 Gov't auto agency
- 41 Vestment worn under the alb
- 42 Cleans
- 43 Wind dir.
- 44 St. Martha is their patron saint
- 45 "Do it, ___ will"
- 46 ___ of Jonah
- 47 Thomas Aquinas is patron saint of these Catholic institutions
- 51 Abraham was one
- 54 "Love is not jealous, it does not put on ___" (1 Cor 13:4)
- 55 OT prophetic book
- 56 Israel's airline
- 57 Cold comment?
- 59 Small yeast cake
- 60 Describes some men in the Bible
- 61 Mob men
- 62 Mountain range
- 63 Drunkards
- 64 "...and darkness covered the ___" (Gen 1:2)
- 65 "Auld Lang ___"

Answer to previous puzzle



DOWN

- 1 President Johnson's daughter who converted to Catholicism
- 2 Religion of the Muslims
- 3 Opening pair?
- 4 Not much hope
- 5 Boss monk
- 6 What the early Christians suffered
- 7 Egyptian deity
- 8 French "these"
- 9 High trains
- 10 Catholic poet, best known for "The Highwayman"
- 11 Prime rating
- 12 Five-star Bradley
- 13 Monster loch
- 21 We should enter by the narrow one
- 22 Covered in gold (var.)
- 24 Roman emperor associated with 6A
- 25 The Litany of the Saints is chanted during some of these
- 26 Saturate
- 29 You may be taken this way
- 30 Francis Xavier was one
- 31 Cain traveled this direction from Eden (Gen 4:16)
- 32 Pub drinks
- 33 Seed containers
- 34 Charity
- 38 LA problem
- 39 Continental
- 41 Not a base
- 42 Cries from Homer Simpson
- 46 St. Francis de ___
- 48 Rosary starter
- 49 Brother of Rebekah
- 50 Laminated rock
- 51 Good ___
- 52 Potpourri
- 53 Pole
- 54 Nautical call
- 57 Muslim title of honor
- 58 Corn spot
- 59 Passenger vehicle

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Colleges take steps to curb binge drinking

ARLINGTON, Va. — College: a time for students to try on new ideas for size, build enduring friendships and struggle through a few pre-exam all-nighters. And, in between all of that, drink. A lot.

Data released last year by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a branch of the National Institutes of Health, shows that more than 80 percent of college students consume alcohol. Reflecting a sharp increase, half of those who drink consume alcohol through binge drinking — defined as four drinks for women and five drinks for men in a two-hour period.

The consequences of excessive alcohol consumption range from embarrassing to life-shattering and include everything from academic problems to assault, sexual abuse and death.

To help educate students on the dangers and offer healthy alternatives, Catholic colleges in northern Virginia and Washington and a Catholic campus ministry have established a number of programs and outreach efforts.

At Marymount University in Arlington, the goal is to educate students on the risks of binge drinking before they step foot on campus. That's an ideal time, given the first six weeks of freshman year are an especially vulnerable period because of student expectations and social pressures, according to the NIH alcoholism institute's report.

Marymount's new-student orientation includes interactive kits that support healthy choices, and students must complete a personalized and confidential Web-based program before classes start.

"The program is a tool not just for educating students but for helping them become aware of their perceptions of alcohol and to understand themselves better," said Kelly DeSenti, Marymount dean for student development and engagement.

DeSenti said students come to school with a variety of backgrounds and experiences with alcohol, and the goal is to reach out to each effectively. "We don't just want to be reactive; we want to be proactive," she said.

Christendom College in Front Royal holds a mandatory freshman talk that includes a discussion of alcohol. The school nurse also hosts an information session for all resident assistants.

Amanda Graf, director of residence life, noted that Christendom typically attracts students who want to avoid a large party or drinking school. The pervasive Catholic culture and the students themselves keep drinking to a minimum, she said. "Drinking can occur, but in general, it's amazing how much the drinking culture is controlled by students holding each other accountable."

Graf added that there is a moral element to drinking and that the school conveys this to students.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, overconsumption of alcohol disrespects the dignity of the human body. "Life and physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God," states the catechism. "We must take reasonable care of them. ... The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess — the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine." (CNS)

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Alan Powell and Ali Faulkner star in a scene from the movie "The Song."

Movie review | The Song

A film with a openly, happily, Christian outlook

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK

Taking its inspiration from the Old Testament's Song of Songs, "The Song" (City on a Hill/Samuel Goldwyn) offers a modern-day parable on love, marriage, and remaining open and faithful to God's plan.

Writer/director Richard Ramsey cleverly weaves passages from the scriptural canticle (attributed to Solomon) to illustrate love's eddies and currents, from courtship to marriage, children, and building a life together. The result is a fresh, honest, and very Christian take on timeless issues.

Jed King (Alan Powell of the Christian rock band Anthem Lights) is a singer-songwriter looking for his big break. He's also trying to escape the long shadow of his

famous musician father, David King (Aaron Benward).

We learn in flashback that David was a legend on stage, but a train wreck off. He had an affair with a married band member; a child was conceived, but aborted, with David's approval. When his lover's husband committed suicide, David married her, and eventually reformed his life, trying to set a better example for their son, Jed.

It's not surprising that the sins of the father will one day be visited upon the son. But first, things look up for Jed. Performing at a harvest festival, he meets Rose (Ali Faulkner), and it is love at first sight.

"You have stolen my heart with one glance of your eyes," he croons.

After a sweet courtship, they marry, and have a son. Jed, still madly in love, writes a song for Rose — called,

simply, "The Song" — and to his surprise it becomes a breakout hit. Seemingly overnight, Jed is a big star, and hits the road for a worldwide concert tour.

The years pass, and the pressures of fame and frequent separations put a strain on the marriage. Rose remains faithful, keeping the home fires burning. Jed is inspired, seeing himself as an evangelizer and healer.

"People come to hear my songs. They are looking for meaning, hope, God," he tells Rose.

Unfortunately, not everyone is as high-minded. Temptation arrives in raven-haired Shelby (Caitlin Nicol-Thomas), Jed's new opening act. Shelby spells trouble, mocking Jed's "religious" nature — she prefers to call herself "spiritual" — and encouraging him to get a tattoo (never a good sign).

Needless to say, it's all downhill from here. Confused and lonely, Jed succumbs, eerily reminiscent of his father's downward spiral.

Granted, the resolution of "The Song" is predictable, but it is no less refreshing for that. Hollywood can take a lesson from an entertaining film which is openly — and happily — Christian in its outlook, and eager to remind viewers about forgiveness and redemption, as well as the sacredness of married love.

The film contains adulterous situations, suicide, and drug use. 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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**Christina
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TWENTY SOMETHING

Self-reflection in the age of selfies

Lena Dunham is not done confessing. That's the headline of The New York Times Magazine profile just published about the actress-turned-memoirist, and it couldn't be more apt.

Though I've never seen an episode of her highly rated, super-raunchy, nudity-filled HBO show "Girls," I consider Lena something of a cultural case study, given how often she is touted as the voice of my generation. That voice has never shied away from revelation, however unflattering or immoral.

It will reach new heights this month, when her memoir "Not That Kind of Girl" is released, the product of a \$3-million book deal Lena signed with Random House two years ago at age 26. The Atlantic called the memoir "a new chapter in her campaign of self-exposure" while The New York Times Magazine said it was written "with a ferocious, hilarious and occasionally worrisome candor."

Lena's revelations range from decades of psychotherapy (beginning when she was 9) to the loss of her vir-

ginity — diplomatically summarized by The New York Times Magazine as a series of "questionable personal choices."

The critical response that intrigued me most came toward the end of James Parker's Atlantic review: "There's something very contemporary in Dunham's self-exposure, her restlessly accelerated processing of her own experience." He went on to render a chilling assessment of Life On Perpetual Broadcast, that 21st-century young-adult proclivity. "That's modernity: the inside's on the outside, leaving a vacuum on the inside."

I often wonder about the Facebook effect on the inner life, what it means when the time between experiencing and sharing is reduced to a matter of seconds.

Reality TV stars are questioned about their willingness to bare it all for national consumption, and I'm amused when these boldfaced confessors insist they don't share everything with the cameras. Somehow Kim Kardashian's second go at a nationally

televised wedding was supposed to seem restrained because the footage ended right before the actual ceremony and was shot only by friends, not producers. (I can't help but think of Dave Letterman's comment to Kim when she was on his show last year: "I just wonder if you're getting good advice.")

But it's not just a question for celebrities. Self-disclosure is an issue every conscientious young adult grapples with. What goes on the blog and what stays in the private journal? What do you share with a close friend, a group of online followers, the World Wide Web, God? Where's the line between self-aware and self-absorbed, between naval gazing and soul searching? Will I know when I've crossed it?

I find myself composing tweets in my head, a strange sort of outside-looking-in sensation that, though aimed at capturing the moment, surely hinders my ability to be in it. When it comes to my social-media output, I try to evaluate my intentions and distinguish the sociable impulse

from the narcissistic one. Am I making a connection or making a statement?

The Catholic Church calls us to develop the inner life, beckoning us to bend our knees, bow our heads and close our eyes, inviting us to make our confession before a priest, not a camera. It gives us tools specifically designed for self-reflection like spiritual direction and that increasingly foreign, healing prospect of the silent retreat.

In an Instagram era, these offerings feel more vital than ever. How can we still our hearts when our thumbs keep on tapping?

Pulling the plug on all social networks probably isn't the solution for most of us. But we can turn to this month's Scripture, St. Matthew's account of the greatest commandments, for a litmus test on each tweet: Is it drawing on a love of self or a love of neighbor?

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A bigger league

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the abbey.

"I was thinking of becoming a priest, but I needed to play another year of baseball to make sure I wasn't running from it," he said. "I never faced adversity quite like that. I wanted to make sure I wasn't running from it."

What a year he had: He was the only minor leaguer who had a 30-30 season and asked to play in the Arizona fall league, where top prospects showcase their skills.

He also had a desire to be married and be a father, he said.

"I ended up having an even more amazing fall league that I ever could have imagined," Frater Matthew said. "It was a gift from God."

After winning MVP of the league, he received the invitation to spring training with the Oakland A's.

"But after all that, it still left me with this yearning in my heart that there was something more," he said.

That yearning led him to St. Michael's Abbey of the Norbertine fathers. He spent a week there, living their life, and "got the sense this is where God wanted me to be."

The reaction to his decision to leave baseball, he said, surprised him. "It was God's grace working through all that to help people to see that God is what matters."

Frater Matthew has completed the first four of his 10-year journey to the priesthood. "It's been a great, wonderful, challenging, terrible journey, because God wants the absolute best of us."

Jurich is a staff writer at The Catholic Voice, newspaper of the Oakland Diocese.

Quote

"I'm willing to be vulnerable in a foreign place, being a minority, being marginalized, not having (many) resources." | Sister Julia Shideler, 36, on making her final vows as a Maryknoll sister Sept. 28 with Sister Abby Avelino and Sister Anastasia Lee during a Mass in Westchester County, New York. (Catholic News Service)

Sainthood evidence heads to Vatican

CHICAGO — With prayers, songs and sealing wax, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago formally closed the investigation into the life and virtues of Father Augustus Tolton Sept. 29 in a ceremony in the St. James Chapel at the Archbishop Quigley Center.

The prayer service marked the binding and sealing of the dossier local research aimed at making Father Tolton, the first African-American diocesan priest, a saint. Cardinal George opened the cause in 2010.

He was born a slave in 1854 on a plantation near Brush Creek, Missouri. In 1862, his mother escaped with her three children settling in Quincy, Illinois.

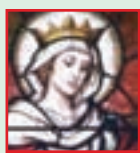
He was encouraged in his vocation to the priesthood by Franciscan priests but could not find a seminary in the United States that would accept him. He eventually studied in Rome and was ordained in 1886, expecting to become a missionary in Africa. Instead, he was sent back to Quincy, where he served for three years before coming to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1889.

He spearheaded the building of St. Monica Church for black Catholics, dedicated in 1894, and died after suffering heat stroke on a Chicago street on July 9, 1897.

SAINTS UNDER 40

Devoted to the poor and sick

The life of Elizabeth of Hungary was short but nonetheless full; she had a happy marriage and children, was a secular Franciscan, and was so devoted to the poor and sick that



she gave away royal robes and founded hospitals. Born in 1207, the daughter of a

Hungarian king, Elizabeth married a nobleman of Thuringia, Louis, at age 14. He complained about the expense of her many charities until he witnessed a miracle involving Elizabeth, bread and roses.

After he died during a Crusade, she became a Third Order Franciscan at Marburg, Germany, where she founded a hospital to care for the sick. Elizabeth, who was declared a saint in 1235, is the patron of bakers, young brides, widows, those falsely accused, countesses and secular Franciscans. Her feast day is Nov. 17. (CNS)

A bigger league

Baseball player leaves the field to pursue the priesthood

By Michele Jurich
Catholic News Service

OAKLAND, Calif.

Bishop Michael C. Barber was able to do what general manager Billy Beane could not: Call Grant Desme to Oakland.

Four years ago, the Oakland Athletics and the baseball community were stunned when Desme responded to an invitation to spring training by retiring from baseball at age 23 to pursue a vocation as a Catholic priest.

Oakland's Bishop Barber remembered reading Desme's story in Sports Illustrated.

"I had everything figured out. I was on top of the world: successful at baseball, not having to go to school, having a big contract."

"I thought, 'You're kidding me.' To be a professional ball-player, whether its baseball, football, basketball, is the dream of many young men. Perhaps it's the dream of some of you guys," the bishop told the young men of De La Salle High School

and the new De La Salle Academy, as he began his homily at the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the school Aug. 27.

De La Salle's high school football season opener would be televised nationally in two days; a movie inspired by the football program, "When the Game Stands Tall," had opened in theaters nationwide five days before.

In his work with seminarians, Bishop Barber told them, he met men who told him they gave up promising careers in business, real estate and computers. His response: "You didn't give up as much as this guy. He could have been famous. He could have been a great baseball player."

"I always wanted to meet this guy," said the bishop, head of the diocese since May 2013. When he got to Oakland, he found Desme at St. Michael's Abbey in Southern California. The bishop called the abbot, asking to borrow Desme for the visit to De La Salle.

At the bishop's invitation, one of the three seminarians seated on the platform that served as the altar strode to the microphone to explain why he gave up a baseball career for the priesthood. Enter-

ing the abbey of the Norbertine order, he had taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. He also had been given a new name: Frater Matthew.

"I was one of those boys," he said. "I grew up, ever since I can remember, dreaming, living, breathing baseball." He began playing the game at age 4. "I had the dream of becoming a big leaguer."

Motivated by his goals, his hard work and translated into success on the field. He played college baseball at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

"By the end of my junior year, I was a first team All-American, won the triple crown award for Big West conference, was player of the year and ended up being drafted in the second round of the 2007 draft by the Oakland Athletics," he said. "That was one of my great dreams, and a big steppingstone along the way on where I wanted to be."

"But at that point in my life, I was not where God wanted me to be," he said. "Because about that time, God really started rocking my world. I had everything figured out. I was on top of the world: successful at baseball, not having to go to school, having a big contract."

But then he was hit by a pitch that broke his right wrist. "It was supposed to be six-week injury," he said, but it stretched into a year and a half, requiring surgery.

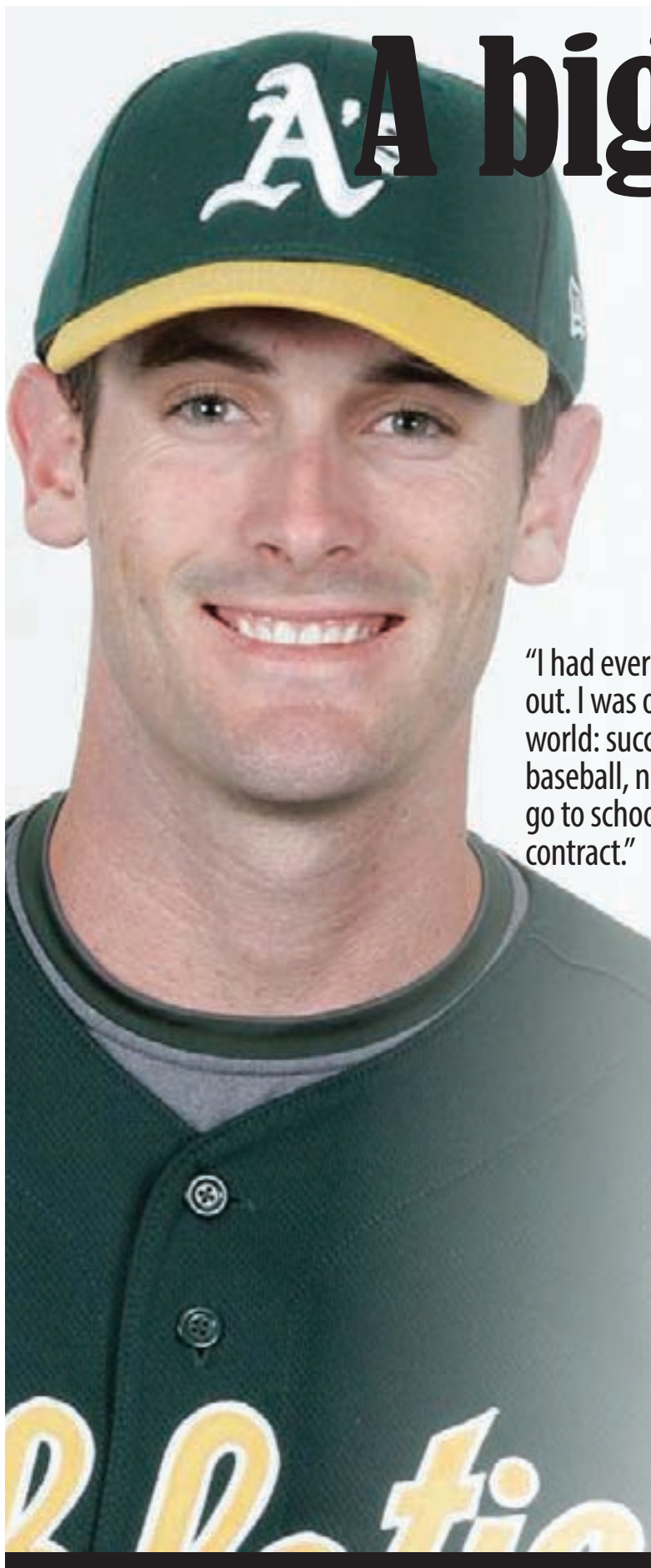
During that period, after his anger passed, "I decided to start praying and trying to figure out what the meaning of all this was," Frater Matthew said.

He found that the source of his anger and frustration was that he thought he had it all figured out — he had worked hard, met his goals and done everything he could do to be successful — only to have an injury that was out of his control.

He questioned the purpose of everything, he said. "It ended up making me think a lot about death, a lot about my entire existence on this earth. It made me confront the big questions about life, and it led me to God."

After that year and a half of deep reflection, he regained his health in mind and soul, he recalled, but he didn't for

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LISA'S CATECHISM CORNER
Church teaching explained to you

What is prayer?

YOUCAT*: Prayer is turning the heart toward God. When a person prays, he enters into a living relationship with God. [2558-2565]

We read in the Old Testament of Abraham and Moses praying to God. We also read of how Samuel and David taught the Israelites how to pray. And in the New Testament, Jesus himself models prayer for us.

Prayer is of one the greatest gifts from God that we have, but it's more than just saying a few words to God — it is an opportunity for us to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. God is longing to be our "BFF" and it is through prayer that we can have this personal and living relationship with him.

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." (St. Therese of Lisieux)

*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

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MAKANA'S HELPFUL HINTS
Exciting ways to enhance young adult ministry

Are you divided?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the crowd, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." If you are registered to vote, then you have an important task on Nov. 4.

As citizens of the United States, voting is a right and a responsibility. As Catholics, voting is an opportunity to live out our faith! When you vote for a particular law, you say, "This is what I believe to be good." When you vote for a candidate, you are saying that you believe that person best represents your morals and values.

Therefore, make sure you are well informed. Don't let your knowledge come only from the TV, newspaper and radio. Know and understand the issues, the candidates (their voting records and future plans), the exact language of the laws you'll vote on, and what the church teaches and why. Then, you will be able to vote in good conscience and help build the Kingdom of God.

For help in getting your parish or ministry more involved and educated on voting, contact Hawaii Family Forum at 203-6704 or info@hawaiiifamilyforum.org and Eva Andrade can set up information sessions to help everyone truly vote in good conscience.

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