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PWH scholarship recipients Brittney Ganzelli, left, and Alexis Gibbs read to young residents of the Next Step Shelter in Kakaako April 12 during a community service project.

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## Selected to succeed

*The PWH scholarship program places students in Catholic schools they otherwise would never have attended*

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

It's like a new virtual Hawaii Catholic high school, imbedded in three — soon to be four — campuses, comprised of a small, but growing, you might say elite, group of students assembled almost by fate, by chance. By a “fluke,” as Sue Ferandin, the executive director of the Augustine Educational Foundation, put it.

They are the PWH Scholars, recipients of a unique scholarship that, with the Augustine Foundation's help, places them in Catholic schools they otherwise would not have attended. Thanks to some special people who believe in them, their potential is being tapped in new and unexpected ways.

Students like Shawn Borges, the middle son of divorced parents who is now a sophomore at Damien Memorial School.

Shawn's parents had always wanted him to go to Damien for

high school. His father is an active alumnus. His mother, a Sacred Hearts Academy grad, was a Damien cheerleader.

But they figured they couldn't afford it. Shawn's parents remained on good terms, but his mother had an added responsibility of three step-children. Shawn had already been accepted by Kamehameha Schools. But he applied at Damien anyway.

The family received an unexpected call-back from Damien's president Bernard Ho. He told them about the PWH scholarship, suggesting they interview for it.

Just agreeing to the interview was a tough decision, Shawn's mother Tracy Kalahiki said. If her son was accepted, it would mean turning down Kamehameha, a much larger school with many more resources.

“I prayed really hard about it,” she said, asking God to “slap me in the face with the obvious because I don't know what to do.”

Something in the interview

clicked, and Kalahiki got the “slap” she was hoping for.

“I just took a leap of faith and I did it and he's never been happier,” she said. “He has so much support. It is such an amazing program.”

### Anonymous founder

Shawn's scholarship comes from the PWH Educational Foundation, a Seattle-based non-profit organization.

PWH's president Bob Leong was in Hawaii last month touching bases with scholarship recipients and administrators.

“We don't usually do interviews,” Leong told the Hawaii Catholic Herald, explaining that the founder and initial donor of the foundation wanted to remain anonymous.

The founder, he said had lived part-time on the Big Island and “really loved the people of Hawaii.” He wanted to create a fund that “would provide educational opportunities for young people”

after he died.

He was already giving individual scholarships “out of his own pocket” to “various schools” including St. Joseph School in Hilo.

When the donor died a year and a half ago, his foundation began providing larger grants. One went to the Augustine Foundation, the diocesan organization that provides scholarships for Hawaii's Catholic school students.

“It has developed into such a wonderful collaboration” among the schools, the Augustine Foundation and the recipients and their families, Leong said. “The results have been just stellar.”

He wants the program to expand, which is why he agreed to talk about it.

### Many hands make it work

The PWH scholarship program depends on many hands to make it work.

The PWH foundation pays the bulk of the tuition for four years

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# Official notices

## Bishop's calendar

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

- May 8, 11:00 am, Hawaii Catholic Schools Administrators' End of the Year Social, Ko'olau Golf Club, Kaneohe. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- May 9, 10:00 am, Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Waipahu; 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Wahiawa; 6:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Ann Parish, Kaneohe. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- May 10, 9:00 am, Confirmation Mass, Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish, Manoa. [Fr. Gary Secor]; 6:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi.
- May 12, 9:30 am, Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council,

- Chancery, downtown Honolulu.
- May 13, 12:00 pm, Hawaii Pastors Roundtable Full Board Meeting, One Love Ministries, Honolulu.
- May 14, 12:00 pm, Hawaii Catholic Conference Board, Kamiano Center, downtown Honolulu.
- May 15, 9:00 am, Committee on the Cause of Joseph Dutton, Chancery, downtown Honolulu; 7:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Ewa Beach.
- May 16, 8:30 am, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Mid-Year Meeting, Pauline Bookstore Conference Room, downtown Honolulu; 12:00 pm, Mass for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown

- Honolulu; 5:30 pm, Confirmation Mass, Star of the Sea Parish, Waialae-Kahala.
- May 17, 8:30 am, Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of the Mount Parish, Kalihi; 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Manoa Punahou Catholic Community, Sacred Heart Parish, Punahou; 6:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Parish, Kaimuki. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- May 18-22, Annual Convocation of Priests, Turtle Bay Resort, North Shore, Oahu.
- May 22, 6:00 pm, Ordination to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Honolulu of Rev. Mr. Nicholas Brown, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi.

- of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Kailua-Kona, effective May 1, 2015.
- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Ornoldo Cherrez as Parochial Vicar of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Kailua-Kona, effective May 3, 2015.
- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Joseph Selvan Durai Raj, S.J. as Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Honokaa, effective July 1, 2015.
- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Themistocles Tuyac as Administrator of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Papaikou and St. Anthony Parish, Paapaaloa, effective July 1, 2015.
- Bishop Silva has appointed Gail Mitchell to the St. Anthony Jr./Sr. High School Board for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018.

### Announcements/Appointments

- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Diego Alejandro Restrepo Serna as Parochial Vicar

# Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST



## 50 years ago — May 7, 1965

The Honorable Neal Blaisdell, Mayor of Honolulu, proclaimed the week of May 24 to the 30 as Christian Youth Week in Honolulu. With the mayor (left to right) are Joyce Kamei of St. Andrew's Priory, Harold Lagmay of Farrington Junior Newman Club, Carolyn Hering of Maryknoll, Beverly Chang as President of the DCCY, and Norman Nakamoto, CYO administrative assistant. (Luke's Photo)

## 25 years ago — May 11, 1990

### A helping hand

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving every year, a national collection is taken up in Hawaii's parishes called the Campaign for Human Development. It is one of the island diocese's most generous moments. Last year about \$50,000 was collected.

The man who has headed the Campaign for Human Development for the past five years was in town this past March to help local Campaign efforts get up and running again after about a year in dormancy.

Father Alfred LoPinto, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Campaign for Human Development, gave a two-day workshop to eight of the 12 members of the four-month-old Hawaii Campaign for Human Development board of directors. He also visited Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario and some of the projects the local Campaign has funded.

## 10 years ago — May 6, 2005

### The beatification is on!

The beatification of Mother Marianne of Molokai will take place this month in Rome after all.

The ceremony, originally scheduled in February for 10 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, had been postponed after the election of Pope Benedict XVI. It has been rescheduled for either May 14 or 16, according to the Diocese of Syracuse, home diocese of Mother Marianne Cope and her Sisters of St. Francis order. ...

The postponement had threatened to derail two months of intense planning on the part of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse and Hawaii, and the Diocese of Syracuse. More than 300 people from Syracuse and 40 from Hawaii had bought non-refundable tour packages to Rome for the event.

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Diocesan seminarian Nicholas "Nick" Brown, right, at his May 1 graduation ceremony at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Brown will be ordained a priest May 22 in Honolulu.

## A time of transition

*Nick Brown, 49, after a long and varied path, will be ordained a diocesan priest this month*

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Diocesan seminarian Nicholas "Nick" Brown was packing boxes and gearing up for graduation when the Hawaii Catholic Herald called him on April 28. Taking time away from his last days at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Wisconsin, Brown reflected on his nearly six-year journey to the priesthood ending with ordination this month.

"It's a time of transitions," Brown said. From his Midwest dorm back to the Islands. From studies to parish work. From the pew to the altar.

"I'm still nervous," he said. "It's like starting a new job, but it's different. It's another life change."

Bishop Larry Silva will ordain Brown at 6 p.m., May 22, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.

He will become Hawaii's newest diocesan priest since Kauai-born Anthony Rapozo was ordained in 2011.

Brown, 49, grew up in Kalihi-Palama. He attended St. Theresa and Damien Memorial schools. Before entering the seminary, he studied briefly at Hawaii Pacific University and earned two associate's degrees from Cannon's Business College in Honolulu. He also

worked several part-time jobs, including stints with Thom McAn shoe store, the Hawaii Medical Group and weekend reception duties at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace.

Brown later got a full-time job at Hawaiian Airlines. His 20-year career with the company came to an end in 2009 when, after attending a discernment weekend, he felt a strong call to the diocesan priesthood.

"It was like everything I touched, no matter what I picked up — newspaper, book, TV, radio — was talking about service," Brown explained. "So I said, 'OK Lord, I guess you're trying to tell me something.'"

On May 10 that year, the feast day of St. Damien of Molokai, Brown received his acceptance

letter from the diocese. He was sent to Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for undergraduate seminarian work. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies in December 2012.

Brown just completed his master's degree studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, an institution for older vocations, in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. He graduated May 1.

Formation for the priesthood had its challenges, Brown said. Adjusting to academia after being years removed from the classroom was at times difficult.

"Being a second-career seminarian after working, I brought life experience with the job and things," he said. "But it was a struggle for me with papers, trying to learn the philosophy, theology."

Brown balanced bookwork by deepening his spirituality. He devoted much time in seminary to prayer and living out his call to serve God by "putting others first."

"It's his will not mine, and I have to always remember that," Brown said. "I have to say OK, just let go and let God."

The Island seminarian noted that his most enjoyable experience during formation was seeing the diversity of the universal church. At Sacred Heart, Brown met other men studying for the priesthood from places like Burundi, Cameroon, Poland, Vietnam and the mainland.

Brown said his classmates loved learning about the Hawaiian culture as well. He began during his first year in Wisconsin a tradition of gifting seminary graduates with kukui nut leis.

"I've made some really good friends," Brown said.

### Even the heavenly hosts

Brown is feeling "mixed emotions" as his May 22 ordination nears. He recalls the powerful ceremony last June when he was ordained a transitional deacon, the last major step before becoming a priest, at the co-cathedral. Brown especially remembers the chanting of the Litany of Saints during the ordination rite.

He looks forward to a similar moment when he will be elevated to the priesthood.

"It's the whole community, the whole church, even the heavenly hosts, praying," Brown said. "I could feel that. I think it's going to be different this time around."

He thanks his family, the local Catholic community and Bishop Silva for their support throughout his journey. Brown is particularly

grateful to his siblings, as well as his mom and stepdad, Natividad and Aldelfo Alfaro, who live in Seattle.

Following ordination, Brown will celebrate his first Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, at the co-cathedral, his home parish. He will begin his first assignment June 1 as parochial vicar at St. Anthony Church in Kailua.

Brown said although he will soon become a diocesan priest, "formation is never finished." It's a "lifelong commitment" to serve God as a faithful disciple, he explained. Brown views his ordination as just the first of many more "transitions" to come.

"Even though seminarian life is finished, formation never stops," he said. "It's ongoing. It continues until your last breath."

### Validation and praise

Those who know Brown shared words of encouragement and praise for the soon-to-be priest.

Diocesan director of seminarians Father Bill Shannon said he met Brown briefly when he visited Sacred Heart Seminary for the first time in October.

Father Shannon said Brown "is a very popular seminarian with the faculty and other students."

William "Pila" Tulua, another seminarian for the Diocese of Honolulu, has been studying with Brown in Wisconsin. Tulua said Brown's "brotherly type of mannerisms" and service-oriented attitude "will be very beneficial for him as a priest and the diocese."

"I believe Nick answered God's call in becoming one of the people who humbly wash the feet of the people who are on their own journey to Jesus," he noted. "Nick is there to help them through the sacraments, and as a friend. He will make a good priest, a holy priest for the Diocese of Honolulu."

Msgr. Ross A. Shecterle, president rector of Sacred Heart Seminary, said Brown has "grown in confidence and self-assuredness and his life of prayer has deepened."

The Honolulu native, Msgr. Shecterle said, "has a certain warmth, a generous heart, and an ability to make a strong personal connection with people ... we know he'll be a great priest."

The rector in an email offered Brown the following advice: "Father Nick, always keep your eyes and your ministry fixed upon the loving heart of Jesus, and embrace with your life the words of Mary, his mother, to the servants at the wedding feast of Cana: 'Do whatever he tells you.'"

## 'Unity' discussions key part of priests' convocation at Turtle Bay

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Island priests will be taking a break from ministry duties May 18-22 to gather at Turtle Bay Resort on the north shore of Oahu for the diocese's annual Priests' Convocation.

According to the diocesan Office of Clergy, about 117 priests are expected to take part. Bishop Larry Silva will join them for a few days of rest, fellowship and discussions.

The convocation schedule in-

cludes daily Mass and prayer services at the Kahuku resort. Diocesan staffers are also scheduled to give presentations on topics such as comprehensive youth ministry, email use, and stewardship/pastoral planning.

Unique to this year's convocation is a program of interactive discussions called "Cultivating Unity." This program was developed by the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy and the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

The Office of Clergy's brochure describes Cultivating Unity as "a transformational process engaging the entire diocesan presbyterate with its bishop in frank and faith-centered dialogue leading to a common re-dedication to priestly ministry."

Father Stephen Fichter, former interim executive director of CARA and Trish Sullivan Vanni, publisher for the parish market at Liturgical Press, will serve as program facilitators.

As part of Cultivating Unity, priests were asked to fill out a

confidential questionnaire last September and attend "listening sessions" conducted on each island by Father Fichter in January. Findings from the surveys and meetings, and next steps to address pastoral priorities, will be discussed at the convocation.

The convocation at Turtle Bay is scheduled to end around noon on May 22. Clergy will gather again that evening at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa in Kalihi-Palama for the priestly ordination of Nicholas Brown.

Although most Hawaii priests

will be away from parish work May 18-22, diocesan vicar for clergy Father Manny Hewe said one priest has been assigned in each of the diocese's nine vicariates to cover for emergencies that week. These are usually retired priests, who are not required to go to the convocation.

Attendance for all other clergy is mandatory.

Parishes usually conduct Communion services presided by a deacon or lay person during the week of the convocation.

## FIRST IN A SERIES

# Proper theological order of the sacraments of initiation

By Father Mark J. Gantley, JCL  
Special to the Herald

The sacraments of initiation can be compared to climbing up Diamond Head Crater. To do the climb, one needs to be prepared when starting out, primarily by being hydrated. Then one needs the strength to climb up the 3/4-mile path. Finally, one reaches the summit and can enjoy the magnificent view in every direction.

This corresponds to the three sacraments of initiation. The hydration of Baptism starts a Christian on the path. The gift of the Holy Spirit received in Confirmation gives the strength needed to make the journey. Then finally, earth is joined to heaven at the summit when one receives first Holy Communion. The first two sacraments of initiation prepare us for the third. As the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" says, "The Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation" (no. 1322).

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the sacraments are received in the proper theological order, usually at the Easter vigil — Baptism, Confirmation, and then first Holy Communion for those 7 years and older. However, many people may not realize that children baptized as infants usually receive the sacraments out of sequence.

In issuing the revised "Rite of Confirmation," Blessed Pope Paul VI described the proper order of the initiation sacraments: "The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and finally are sustained by the food of eternal life in the Eucharist. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of divine life and

advance toward the perfection of charity. ... Finally, Confirmation is so closely linked with the Holy Eucharist that the faithful, after being signed by holy Baptism and Confirmation, are incorporated fully into the body of Christ by participation in the Eucharist" (Apostolic Constitution, "Divinae Consortium Naturae," 1971).

The first two sacraments of initiation, Baptism and Confirmation, go hand in hand, like a certificate and its official seal. In Baptism, Christians share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit comes down upon them as it did on the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Baptism and Confirmation are as inseparable as Easter and Pentecost Sundays, the first and last days of the Easter season.

Jesus himself was baptized and then confirmed by his Father with the gift of the Spirit: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and, behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:16-17).

Many see Confirmation as a rite of passage into adulthood. Yet Confirmation is a sacrament of beginning, of initiation, not a sacrament of becoming an adult. The Catechism states about this: "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' one must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth. ... Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood one can attain spiritual maturity. 'Many children, through the strength of the Holy Spirit they have received, have bravely fought for Christ even to the shedding of

their blood' (St. Thomas Aquinas "Summa Theologica III")" (no. 1308).

In the Eastern Catholic Churches, infants are routinely given Confirmation (called "Chrismation" in the eastern traditions). In the Latin (Roman) Church, any priest may confirm infants in danger of death. At the other end of the age spectrum, if an elderly person is being baptized, then he or she is immediately confirmed. Such a person is not just then becoming an adult. The fact that infants, children, teenagers, young adults and the elderly can all be confirmed shows that Confirmation is not about becoming an adult. It is about being sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Other people might have a sense that Confirmation is like a graduation and will say, "I made my Confirmation," as if it is something that they earned. However, the baptized do not confirm their own faith in Confirmation. It is God who confirms the faith of the baptized as a free gift. Pope Francis addressed this point in his general audience of Jan. 29, 2014: "Confirmation, like every sacrament, is not the work of men but of God, who cares for our lives in such a manner as to mold us in the image of his Son, to make us capable of loving like him. He does it by infusing in us his Holy Spirit, whose action pervades the whole person and his entire life. ... Through the oil called 'sacred Chrism' we are conformed, in the power of the Spirit, to Jesus Christ, who is the only true 'anointed One,' the Messiah, the Holy One of God."

On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles knew that Jesus had risen from the dead, but they were still afraid. They were afraid to go out and tell others what they



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knew to be true. They needed the Spirit. Then there was a strong driving wind that filled the house and tongues of fire came upon them and their fear disappeared. "Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, ... 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:14a, 38). After that, the newly baptized community of believers, filled with the Spirit, were sustained by celebrating the Breaking of the Bread

(v. 46).

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, received in Confirmation, are wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-2). The Apostles needed courage to spread the faith. Young people need courage and all the gifts of the Spirit to live and spread the faith in today's world. And they need these gifts, not just when they are nearly done growing up, but as they begin their journey.

Father Gantley is the judicial vicar of the Diocese of Honolulu.

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# St. Francis Healthcare System opens phase one of its Kupuna Village

*Future phases include a senior center, assisted living areas, independent living town homes*

**By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz**  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii celebrated April 24 the completion of “Phase I” of its new St. Francis Kupuna Village, a project aimed to be a “wellness hub” for local seniors and their caregivers.

More than 100 people gathered at St. Francis’ campus in Liliha for the grand opening ceremony. Guests included government leaders, contractors and benefactors. Members of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, Bishop Larry Silva, deacons and clergy attended as well in support of the Islands’ only Catholic healthcare system.

St. Francis Kupuna Village represents the organization’s shift from decades of acute hospital care to a focus on senior services. The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities and St. Francis executives were encouraged by community suggestions to reconfigure its former Liliha hospital property for elderly care needs.

In 2007, St. Francis Healthcare sold the Liliha hospital and its medical center in Ewa Beach to the secular, for-profit Hawaii Medical Center group. HMC filed for bankruptcy twice before both properties were returned to St. Francis’ ownership in 2011.

The Ewa Beach hospital was bought by Queen’s Medical Center in 2012 and remains an acute care facility. In Liliha, St. Francis initiated a major-scale renovation to establish the future Ku-



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Clockwise from top: Franciscan Sisters Helen Agnes Ignacio (seated), Francis Regis Hadano and Rose Annette Ahuna look at a mural of St. Marianne Cope in the Sullivan Building lobby, April 24; guests mingle in the refurbished halls of the Clarence T.C. Ching Villas; Raymond Tam of the Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation gives remarks at the Kupuna Village grand opening ceremony.

puna Village. The facility will feature comprehensive onsite senior services including assisted living, adult day care and medical specialists. “Kupuna” is the Hawaiian word for grandparent or elder.

The April 24 grand open-

ing of Kupuna Village “Phase I” unveiled extensive remodeling of the Sullivan Building, previously St. Francis acute care hospital. Its top three floors are now the Clarence T.C. Ching Villas, a 119-bed skilled nursing facility.

The villas offer private and

semi-private rooms for patients who are discharged from hospitals but still in need of short-term rehabilitation before returning home. Each floor, designed by Architects Hawaii, is named and decorated for Oahu locales. The third floor honors the North

Shore, the fourth floor represents Waikiki, and the fifth evokes Honolulu’s Chinatown.

The Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation provided a lead gift of \$4 million for the renovation of the skilled nursing floors. Patients will be accepted once the facility receives its license from the Hawaii State Department of Health.

The Sullivan Building lobby was refurbished as well to include two new health services. Hawaii Pacific Neuroscience and Hawaii Diagnostic Radiology Services recently set up offices there.

The lobby features a mural by Maui artist Phil Sabado, which depicts notable people in the history of St. Francis Healthcare System. At the artwork’s center is St. Marianne Cope, the Franciscan nun who founded the sisters’ Hawaii mission when she arrived from Syracuse to care for leprosy patients in 1883.

Patty Martin, vice president of mission and organizational effectiveness at St. Francis, said in her opening remarks that the project was possible because community “partnerships,” beginning with the commitment of St. Marianne herself.

Jerry Correa, St. Francis president and CEO, underscored the important role of the organization’s partners — in medicine, construction, church and government — who contributed to this first phase. The project, he said, came to fruition thanks to the dedication and faith of many people.

“I just want to say that with God, all things are possible,” Correa said.

Construction is continuing on the next phases of the Kupuna Village. A senior center is targeted for completion in 18 months. Assisted living areas are projected opening in about two years. Independent living town homes are scheduled to be constructed in five years.

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# Jubilant ceremony marks anniversaries of religious life

By Patrick Downes  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

The Mass in the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa on the bright, warm morning of April 25 was appropriately jubilant. The music-saturated liturgy celebrated the jubilees — significant anniversaries of religious commitment ranging from 25 to 75 years — of 11 priests, seven sisters and one brother.

Bishop Larry Silva presided over the ceremony joined by 18 priests and 11 deacons vested in red for the feast of St. Mark, evangelist and martyr.

Five jubilee priests celebrated the Mass in the sanctuary, while the honored religious sisters and brother, wearing layers of leis, took the first pew. The rest of the church was three-quarters filled with family members, friends, parishioners and former students of the jubilarians, and religious sisters and brothers, including a group of young male novices of the Sacred Hearts Congregation who stood out in their full white habits.

In his homily, Bishop Silva, in reference to St. Mark's feastday, called the jubilarians "evangelists."

"Mark, Matthew, Luke and John ... told the same story in different ways, with different perspectives," he said.

"There are many more evangelists because of that great commission 'Go preach the good news,'" he said. "The jubilarians have taken the mission to heart, very generously dedicating their lives. For that we are very grateful."

"All have a different way of speaking of Jesus," the bishop said.

"We don't make up our own gospel," he said, but speak as people who have "encountered Jesus alive, living with us."

"We have exactly the same experiences" as the first evangelists "because Jesus is no longer dead, but alive," Bishop Silva said.

"Our jubilarians have been beautiful evangelists over the years," he said. "Because they have done so much to bring the good news to others."

Following the homily, the anniversary priests and religious together recited a "renewal of commitment" to their religious calling.

"Gracious God," they said, "we thank you for your call and for having brought us to this moment. ... We are resolved, by your grace, to live out the Gospel every day of our lives."

Celebrating anniversaries of religious profession were Sacred Hearts Sister Julie Louise Thevenin, 75 years; Maryknoll Sister Maria Rosario Daley, 70 years; Sister Mary Josephine Araki, 60 years; Sister of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities Laura



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Priests commemorating their ordination anniversaries celebrate Mass at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral April 25. From left to right are Father Joseph Carroll, Father Patrick Freitas, Sacred Hearts Father Christopher Keahi, Marianist Father Paul Fitzpatrick and Father Emerson Delos Reyes.



Clockwise from above left: Sacred Hearts Sister Julie Louise Thevenin is greeted by friend Darice Young; Bishop Larry Silva congratulates Maryknoll Sister Maria Rosario Daley; Maryknoll Sister Rosalinda Sevilla Barrozo and Father Henry Sabog pose for pictures after Mass.



priestly ordination were Marianist Father Lawrence Mann, now retired on the Mainland, 70 years; Father Joseph Carroll, 60 years; the late Msgr. Franco Troi, who died this year shortly before his 50th anniversary; Father Patrick Freitas, 50 years; Sacred Hearts Father Michael Kelly, 50 years; Sacred Hearts Father Christopher Keahi, 50 years; Marianist Father Paul Fitzpatrick, 50 years; La Salette Father Manuel dela Cruz, 25 years; Father Emerson Delos Reyes, 25 years; Father Joseph Grimaldi, 25 years; and Sacred Hearts Father Edward Popish, 25 years.

Jubilarians not present at the Mass were Father Mann, Father Kelly, Father dela Cruz, Father Grimaldi and Father Popish.

After communion, Bishop Silva presented each honoree with a token of appreciation. The final recipient, Honolulu-born Sister Julie Louise received a long, standing ovation in recognition of her 75 years.

Composer and cantor Robert Mondoy led the Mass music, a vibrant blend of Gregorian chant, contemporary hymns, and locally written responses with Hawaiian elements.

A lunch reception with local food followed in the parish hall.



June Abat, 60 years; Sister of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities Miriam Dionise Cabacungan, 60 years; Marianist Brother Gary Morris, 50 years; Dominican Sister of the Most Holy Rosary Viviana Parnoncillon, 50 years; and Maryknoll Sister Rosalinda Sevilla Barrozo, 50 years.

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## 1 KAHULUI

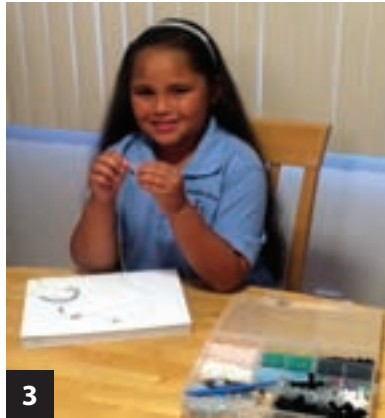
### Christ the King Parish

On April 16, at the 6:30 p.m. Mass, **Bishop Larry Silva** confirmed 30 young people. They are **Micah Acob, Ariane Alejo, Angelika Alonzo, Halli Ancheta, Harmon Jay Arconado, Jolina Baruela, Bryan Barut, Valerie Bascar-Ferandez, Cielo Capilitan, Stacey Ann Coloma, Cyrus Corpuz, Francis Royce Dumelod, Andrell Elvena, Nathan Kevin Garduque, Capriana Higa, Arielle Macadangang, Mark Allen Miranda, Chelsea Anne Oandasan, Jolene Mae Pascua, Shanell Pugal, Elaina Ramones, Judie Anne Rasos, Julie Anne Rasos, Dayton Lee Magbual, Lewis Tadeo, Chadley Tamayo, Nicole Mae Tecson, Kristine Villon, Justin Yago, Briana Yamamoto.** "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love." Acknowledgements go to **Bishop Silva, Father Adondee Arellano, MS, Father Edison Pamintuan, Father Joseph Pilotin, MS, Deacon Cornelio Pulido, Deacon Kenneth Bisson Jr., the Knights of Columbus, religious education director Sister Angela Laurenzo, CSJ, confirmation team Ray and Sarah Nielson, youth ministers Albert and Bobbie Sensano, Crystal Nishida, Joshua Silva, Ben Acob, Yolanda Caniaveral, Conrado Cortez, Priscilla Duque, Shirley Kusono, Elana Opinaldo, Audie Pascual, Bill Sakamoto, Camille Sakamoto, Harriet Sardinha, Frank Chargualaf and the Christ the King Youth Choir, business manager Madie Pascua, administrative assistant Mildred Chargualaf, Confirmation team peer leaders Austin Tapuro, Tara Pacubas, Joy Balinbin, Zac Chichio, Jared Sakai, Princess Dumelod, Anissa Casabay, Jaelynne Oasay, Janelle Matilano, Grayson Biga, Freddie Agcaoili Jr., young adult leaders Angel Agcanas, Leighanne Elvena, Jonathan Garcia, Austin Sensano.**

## 2 KULA

### Kula Catholic Community

We celebrate our **123rd Holy Ghost Feast** May 23-24, at the Holy Ghost Mission Church. Held annually during Pentecost, the feast celebrates the rich Portuguese-American heritage of Upcountry Kula. The landmark historical octagonal church is visible from downtown. The weekend feast features warm hospitality, small town flair, culturally inspired food, games for children and a farmer's market. Providing entertainment are the **Kalama Intermediate School Ukulele Ensemble, Lawai'a, Kevin Brown, and Finger Style.** Most memorable are the live and livestock auctions. In memory of the charity and devotion of Portugal's 14th century Queen Isabel, canonized St. Elizabeth, free laulau meals, complete with poi and sweet potato, will be served to everyone on Sunday. A parish youth is picked to honor Queen Isabel's works of mercy. At Sunday's Mass, **Queen Gabrielle Anuheha Bega,** a Seabury Hall High senior, will lead the procession and release a dove to symbolize the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Gabrielle is an altar server, a choir member, a lector and youth ministry member. At the National Catholic Youth Con-



ference in Indianapolis in 2013, she was a finalist in the top talent competition. The Holy Ghost Feast is the main fundraiser for the parish, which includes **Our Lady Queen of Angels Church** in Keokea and **St. James the Less Mission** in Ulupalakua. (Reported by Mary Jean S. Bega)

## 3 MAKAKILO

### St. Jude Parish

The parish **Rosary Making Group** have been busy. It just sent 550 rosaries to the Mary's Call program in Kansas City, Mo. They meet once a month on Saturday to fulfill any rosary requests from any group who has a need for them. Pictured is **Emile Mae Placentia,** the youngest of our group. She is receiving her First Holy Communion this week with her class at St. Elizabeth School. Emily made a rosary for each one of her classmates! (Reported by Caren Argenzia)

## 4 NUUANU

### St. Stephen Parish

**Stephen Metcalf** was welcomed into full communion with the church April 26, receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion. **Gabby Andrade** also was confirmed. It was a great day of rejoicing. Thank you to their families, our catechists and to **Father Mario Raquipo.** The parish also celebrated the feast of **St. Pedro Calung-**

**sod** (April 2) and **St. Lorenzo Ruiz** (Sept. 28) both missionary martyrs with everyone of all cultures and ethnicities giving thanks for their examples of courage, faithfulness and dedication. (Reported by Rosemary Hashimoto)

## 5 WAIHEE

### St. Ann Parish

On April 18, three youth received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** from **Bishop Larry Silva.** They are **Noe Dela Cruz, Gina Domingo** and **Angelica Ventura.** We pray they will use the gifts of the Holy Spirit — wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and the fear of the Lord — in their life's faith-filled journey and continue to be witnesses in Jesus' mission. (Reported by Frances Asuncion; photo by Cenia Dela Cruz)

## 6 KAILUA

### St. Anthony Parish

At the student Mass on April 17, **23 students** were commissioned as **altar servers.** Their parents participated in the investiture ceremony by helping them don their albs, which were blessed by **Father Rico.** They received leis and certificates to recognize their special ministry as acolytes. Three students, **Haven Ka'apa, Elisabeth Drake** and **Elise Glazier,** were baptized during the Mass, which

was hosted by the **kindergarten class,** who provided lectors and a choir. (Reported by Theresa Gomez)

## 7 LANAI CITY

### Sacred Hearts Parish

Congratulations to our young men and women who received the **sacrament of Confirmation** on April 25, administered by vicar general **Father Gary Secor.** Bottom, from left, **Ian Vilorio, Demytri Dameg, Claire Vila, Leimarie Bacalso, Alicia Ebbing, Tyra Costales, Blake Tan, Brandon Chun, Jessie Myers** (Confirmation teacher) and **Felipa Cabatu** (teacher's assistant). Top, from left, **Mark Agcaoili, Douglas Haban, Noa Etrata, Father Secor, Leonard Valdez, Blayze Dimaya** and **Father Jose.** We also would like to thank deacons **Pat Constantino** and **Cornelio Pulido** from Maui and **Gavin Sakay** who came to assist Father Gary and Father Jose at the Confirmation liturgy. (Reported by Diane Ribucan)

## MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Parish

At the St. Joseph Feast each year, we honor an outstanding volunteer unsung hero. This year we are proud to honor **Joslyn Minobe** who has volunteered at the feast since she was a teenager helping her mom **Roseline Jacintho** in the Country Store making delicious jams, jellies and preserves. Joslyn

continues her dedication today. Since October 2004, she has served as the thrift shop manager, making sure the donations are stored; shelves are stocked and the thrift shop is ready to serve the people. May the dear Lord reward Joslyn for volunteering her time, treasure and energy. Joslyn received plaque as a token of the parish's appreciation. (Reported by Donna Pico)

## 8 PAPAIIKOU

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

At a **Reconciliation service** March 26, candelabra with seven lit candles and three trays of tea candles were set on a table in front of a cross. At the beginning of the service, when **Deacon Leroy Andrews** named a transgression, a candle on the candelabra was snuffed out. Penitents were welcomed to light a tea candle after Confession and do their penance before the cross. ... On March 28 was the **general cleaning** of our church, hall and offices. Thank you to the **24 dedicated parishioners** who beautified our worship space in anticipation of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Thank you also to those who donated food and beverages for the volunteers. ... At the Easter Vigil Mass, **Ku'uipo Lyman** was welcomed into the Catholic Church receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. **Susan Wong** was also fully initiated with the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. We rejoiced and celebrated with **Michaela Cadabona** and **Chantel Adrian** in their reception of the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. ... Five children made Reconciliation with their Lord on April 25 and received the Eucharist for the first time at the 10 a.m. Mass on April 26. Congratulations to **Dazlyn U.K. Urbano-Alves, Jessica Rachel Armstrong, Christian James Asejo, Joaquin X. Patino** and **Chaystin E. Sarme.** May they always keep the Lord in their lives and receive him on Sundays and holy days of obligation. (Reported by Pat Phillips; photo by Hermenia Villanueva)

## PAHOA

### Sacred Heart Parish

The church community is preparing to celebrate the **Santa Cruzan May Flower Festival.** Filipino parishioners will host the event May 25 on the church grounds. Booth vendors, entertainers, advertisers and queen participants may call **Iris,** the event chairperson, at 982-9225 for more information. There is no age limit for queen participants. Also planned are games for keiki and a parade through Pahoia Town. The fiesta (ho'olaulea) is an attempt by the church to bring the Pahoia Community together after the destruction from Hurricane Iselle and Madame Pele's lava flow. (Reported by Richard Robbins)

## WAIALUA

### St. Michael Parish

As was suggested at the recent **town hall meeting,** the **suggestion box** is once again available for parishioners input and suggestions on parish and school matters. The box is located at the church entrance. (From the parish bulletin)

## KULIOUOU

### Holy Trinity Parish

Our parish gives our food for the poor and homeless to the **Angel Network.** They have a large group of people in need of food every week. The food they need the most

is saimin, Spam, corned beef, Vienna sausage, tuna, salmon, canned vegetables and canned fruit. Please put the food in the basket under the Martin De Pores statue. (From the parish bulletin)

**9 MILILANI**

**St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish**

On April 26, **Bishop Larry Silva** confirmed 46 candidates. They showed their readiness to receive the sacrament through their two-year journey attending classes and special events, experiencing an AGAPE retreat, and performing more than 4,000 hours of community service at our parish, their high schools and throughout the community. Congratulations Confirmandi! Top from left: **Taylor Mitchell** (catechist), **Angelo Ruiz, Mycah Tajeron, Justin Banaga, Dane Yamashiro, Andrew Hipolito, Mason O'Blaney, Max Lohman, Antonio Mana Manrique-Chung, Mary Daly, Garrison Gabriel, Dominique Aiu-Taber, William Domingo, Jacob Kippen, Blaszen Ferreira, Martina Segura.** Middle from left: **Deacon Wallace Mitsui, Alexander Rambaud, Braden Betz, Faith Ku'uleiokalani Cleghorn, Aaron Saler, Prescott Asuncion, Bradley Nakamura, Hunter Aiu, Caleb Burnett, Noah Evile, Kaela Calderon, Jorge Foglesong, Ryvin-Lee Galvez, Micah Nagaishi-Lyman, Chanel Rich Aguilar, John Daves, Deacon Modesto Cordeiro.**

Bottom from left: **Julie Quiroz-Zamora** (religious ed director), **Lesha Panoncillo, Jarrett-Tyler Sanchez, Preston Baumgardner, Karli Murakami, Caitlin-Carla Gonzales, Ashley Queen Ganti, Logan Carlos, Rayn Kauanoemalie Young, Kiarra Bae, Caitlyn Resurreccion, Leinani Roylo, Nichole Raymond, Mia Raguindin, Caitlin Alvior, Nichole Kamalani Getz, Nicole Antos, Terry Silva** (coordinator). Seated from left: **Msgr. John Mbinda** (pastor), **Bishop Silva** and **Father Boniface Waema.** (Reported by Terry Silva; photo by Saint)



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**10 WAILUKU**

**St. Anthony Parish**

Twenty-two persons received the sacrament of Confirmation from **Bishop Larry Silva** on April 22: **Jomel Baysa, Courtney Respicio Cadiz, Kiana Correa, Kylie Davis, Laura Dodson, Kupono Jordon Duarte, Kyle Guico Felix, Emily McKeon, Elissa Nichole Media, Colin Devon Mendoza-McGee, Noah Christopher Miller, Mindy Harume Caroline Montalvo, Nicole Neilson, Grant Gibson Nolette, Soraya Ragasa, Reina Sara Ramirez, Gabrielle P Ramos, Matthew Takemoto, Kiera-Lynn Mikayla Viela, Gabriel Kekoa Wallace, Samuel Wyner, Shaylee Anuhea Yamashita.** ... At its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** on April 27, **Joseph G. Williams**, 91, received an award for distinguished service. After serving in the Second World War, he returned to St. Anthony to complete high school and serve as a volunteer driver. Married in 1951, he has three children and three grandsons who graduated from St. Anthony. He has served the parish and school in various ways since the late 1950s. He was a **St. Anthony High School** board member for eight years and chaired its first fundraising drive. He was also treasurer of the parish building fund drive after the church burned down. He and his wife Martha and two other parishioners used mortgages on their homes as col-



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lateral for rebuilding the church. He has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 67 years. He received the Catholic Charities Island Treasure Award in April 1998 and received the Knights of Columbus Knight of the Year award in 2002 and again in 2007. He is currently actively engaged with the parish finance committee. Pictured is the pastor **Father Roland Bunda** congratulating Williams. (Reported by Brother Fred Silbereis, SM)

**11 PAUOA VALLEY**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

On April 26, **Father Thomas Kamau**, an African priest residing in Ohio, spoke at all the Masses here on behalf of his **people in Kenya.** His vivid presentations of life in Africa and the poor conditions there, especially the dire need for food and medical attention, drew the parishioners' attention and generosity. Father Thomas also enjoyed visiting the **religious education children and youth** after Mass who greeted him with the Hawaiian Doxology. He explained where he was from and answered many ques-

tions. The youth then presented him with an envelope of donations. His visit was short, but his message was powerful. Before bidding farewell he offered a kiswahili blessing, "Bwana awe nany," asking the children to respond, "Awe pia nawe." His final words were, "Mungu mwenyezi awabariki Baba Mwana, na Roho mtakatifu." Due to flight delay, Father Thomas arrived early Saturday morning and left Sunday evening. He had only one day to accomplish his mission. An amazing grace! Mahalo for the kind donations from our parish and for **Father Steve Nguyen** in welcoming and supporting the efforts of our African visitor. (Reported by Lei Kondo)

**12 AIEA**

**St. Elizabeth Parish**

Our **spring ministry fair** over the April 18-19 weekend featured educational and sacramental preparation, liturgical ministries and parish services. Parishioners were warmly greeted as they entered the hall, questions were asked and answered, and those interested signed

up for training sessions. Much gratitude to those who answered the call to service for the first time. You won't have any regrets. A fall fair, in October, will feature our outreach and parish-affiliated organizations of which there are many. Pictured at the religious education table are **Alicia Borja** and **Sister Meristella Umdor**, director. (Reported by Wendy Ford)

**13 KALIHI KAI**

**St. Anthony Church**

Last month's **Fellowship Sunday** was April 19. One Sunday a month parishioners come together for doughnuts, coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another and talk stories. That Sunday our new pastor **La Salette Father Arlan Intal** said the 6:30 a.m. Mass and joined us afterward for fellowship. We were happy to have our picture taken with Father Arlan who just came from San Bernardino, Calif. He replaced our pastor for almost six years, **Father Manuel Dela Cruz, MS**, who is now the La Salette director of novices. Mahalo to the following sponsors of Fel-

lowship Sunday: **Esther Tabion, Margie Tabios, Dr. Erlinda Cachola** and **Councilman Joey Manahan.** (Reported by Fe Rodillas)

**14 HAIKU**

**St. Rita Parish**

Our parish participated in the April 25 **Haiku Hoolaulea and Flower Festival** by selling our freshly cooked **pancit** (Filipino noodles). As a community of faith, our parish not only supports its parishioners, but extends our humanitarian services, volunteerism and fundraising efforts to our Haiku community. The proceeds from the fundraiser will help pay for the land our church is built on, and also benefit the keiki of **Haiku Elementary School, Haiku Boys and Girls Club** and the **Haiku Community Association.** Our deepest gratitude to the **Tan family** for providing their certified kitchen and the booth, and to all who helped before, during and after the event. Also to those who donated the pancit ingredients and supplies. Big mahalo for your dedication, your time and monetary donations! With many helping hands, the job was easier and fun. The annual event usually attracts about 7,000 people to enjoy the arts and crafts, food booths, music, children's games, plants sale, baked goods and silent auction. Pictured are **Caitlan Drury, Donna Hart** and a customer. (Reported by Marie Drury)

**15 KIHEI**

**St. Theresa Parish**

**Our current church** was dedicated 30 years ago on April 27, 1985. The church pictured here is the third for this parish on the same property near the beach on Maui's south shore. The **first church** was built in 1928, the second in 1958. The parish office building sits on the same spot as the second church and has the glass block cross from the wall of that church facing the sidewalk for all to see and remember as they pass by on their way to Mass in the current church. Many improvements have taken place during these past 30 years including air conditioning, a state-of-the-art sound system and updated decor. Few parishioners remember the first church. Many remember the second and for them, even after 30 years, the present one still seems like the "new church." (Reported by Anita Carrington; photo by Leroy Carrington)

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**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish**

Outreach volunteer **Gerri O'Leary** reports: Our monthly stats showed that **parish outreach** provided groceries to 567 persons this past month. This included 44 children, which is the largest number of children that I can remember. Hopefully, our assistance reminds our recipients that someone cares and helps make life a little easier for them. (From the parish bulletin)

**16 EWA BEACH**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**

On April 25, our school participated in the third middle school **Hawaii Speech League Festival** at Punahou School. **Tiffany Alcos** and **Kauhane Harding** participated in storytelling; **Madeleine Coutant, Andrea Rodriguez-Allison** and **Daniella White** participated in poetry reading. Our team prepared all year under the direction of coach **Mrs. S. Patricia White** with great performances in the earlier festivals at Iolani and Maryknoll Schools. At Punahou, three of our students achieved "superior" scores, qualifying them for medals. Our speech team was recognized dur-



ing the April 29 school assembly. Pictured, top, from left, **Sister Davilyn Ah Chick** (principal), **Madeleine Coutant, Daniella White, Mrs. White** Bottom, from left, **Andrea Rodriguez-Allison, Kauhane Harding, Tiffany Alcos.** (Reported by Patricia White; photo by Kaha'e Maika'i Iakopo)



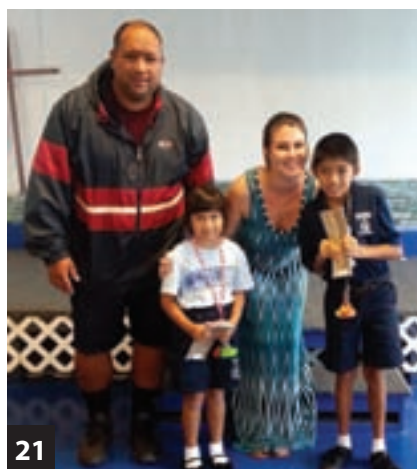
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**17 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy High School**

Our **sophomore class** amassed an astonishing **1,400 pounds of clothing and other gently-used household items** during a March 30 to April 10 collection drive. The clothes, shoes, belts, purses, towels, pillows and linens were donated to **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**. Pictured are **Ka'iulani Harrington**, sophomore advisor **Kimber Brown** and **Taryn Wong.** (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



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**18 PEARL CITY Our Lady of Good Counsel School**

We began our celebration of **Our Lady of Good Counsel's Feast Day** on April 24 with a procession of **second graders** holding lit candles as they walked our Blessed Mother's statue to our church for Mass. Afterward, the community, friends and family were invited to our **annual talent show**, directed by our librarian **Mrs. Valencia.** The children then enjoyed a feast in their classrooms. With appetites satisfied, all grades had the opportunity to visit the **cardboard math arcade** in the fifth grade classroom. **Mr. Warren Cabading's** students were assigned to create games using cardboard boxes and other recycled materials, incorporating math equations into their designs. Kids who visited the arcade were very excited because, by solving the mathematical equations they were awarded coupons, which could be traded for prizes donated by ohana members and friends of the children, faculty and staff. It was a very blessed day, full of fun and excitement, as we honored Our Lady of Good Counsel. Pictured is fifth grader **Joseph Akeo** showing the fundamentals of his game to a kindergartener. (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)



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**19 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School**

Our lower school art teacher **Malia Urie** staged an April 24 **art show.** One of the highlights of the show was the display of large sculptures by **fourth grade artists.** The teams used cardboard tubes, paper towels, wrapping paper, paint and decorating material to create the large artworks. Over the course of eight class sessions, the students developed engineering skills in the creation process. Pictured is "Orange Dream" by **Samantha Eulopa, Hyatt Yoshioka, Isabella Carl** and **Kaitlyn Cho.** (Reported by Haley Matson-Mathes)

**20 HONOLULU St. Anthony School**

We bid farewell to our beloved **Father Manny dela Cruz, MS,** March 30. Father Manny left the island and returned to his native land for a new assignment. He will be the director of novices of the La Salette Fathers at Silang, Cavite, Philippines. As novice director, he is in charge of the formation of young men who are entering or joining the La Salette congregation. Father Manny was well loved by the students, families and staff of our school as well as the parishioners. He is well known for his simplicity, generosity, kindness and his "acro-

nyms." (Reported by Tess Reyes)

**21 HONOLULU Cathedral Catholic Academy**

Every year our school participates in fundraising for the **American Heart Association.** This year's top fundraisers were **Christina Cobb-Tavares** raising an online total of \$250 and **Trey Tomishima** raising an overall total of \$275. **Chloe Brown,** senior youth market director for the American Heart Association presented both students with special prizes for their effort raising funds and awareness for healthy hearts! (Reported by Magdalena Collins)

**22 HONOLULU Maryknoll High School**

On April 10, seniors participated in **Bagels with Bishop,** a diocesan **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry** event that takes place at all Hawaii Catholic high schools in preparation for graduation and college. **Bishop Larry Silva** offers advice to the students for their major upcoming life transition, including providing them Catholic resources available in college. Meeting in the Clarence T.C. Ching Gymnasium, the bishop led the students in prayer before beginning a delicious breakfast, followed by a discussion around the concept

of fun and faith building. A question and answer segment with the bishop concluded the event. Maryknoll thanks the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Bishop Silva for spending time with our students and for providing insight on developing a personal relationship with Christ. Our Spartans enjoyed a great morning of faith and learning. (And, of course, a handful of selfies with the bishop. What more do you need?) (Reported by Maycee McQuinn)

**23 KAPAA St. Catherine School**

On April 23, the **fifth graders** and their teacher **Melanie Slimko** performed live poetry at Ha Coffee Bar in Lihue. The poetry slam was the culminating project of their class poetry unity, and was performed in front of at least 40 Coffee Bar patrons and parents. Topics ranged from the "meaning of family" to "the presence of God in our lives." ... On April 25, the **principal and several faculty members** attended the first annual **Kauai EdCamp.** Partnering with the **Hawaii Society for Technology in Education,** Edcamp brought together nearly 100 educators from around the island. Colleagues presented, listened and shared innovating practices and teaching strategies. At the close of

the day, door prizes were presented and our school won a 3D printer! ... Our eighth grade was invited to the **Kauai County Council Chambers** April 29 to honor classmate **Cody Andrews.** He presented his Patriot Pen essay, sponsored by **Veterans of Foreign Wars,** to council members and was praised for his academic success. His topic was, "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans." Council members were moved by the sincerity and empathy of his paper. Cody placed first for Kauai and second for the state, the highest placement ever from a Kauai student. (Reported by Sean K. Teixeira)

**24 KAILUA St. John Vianney School**

Our music department's **Spring Concert** on May 15, at 6:30 p.m., under the direction of directors **Dana Arbaugh** and **Katie Sherman,** will feature the **beginning band, beginning orchestra, concert band and concert orchestra.** Ninety-four musicians will perform a mix of classical band and orchestra repertoire and popular and folk music. Selections include, "May Song," "Perpetual Motion," "Allegro," "Strike Force," "Alpha Squadron," "Midnight Mission," "Star Wars (Main Theme)," "Enter the Heroes," "Appalachian Hymn," "Pachelbel's Canon in D," "Hawaii

Five-O," "Celtic Air and Dance," "The Tempest," "High Adventure" and "Midnight Sky. In addition to the large-ensemble works, student soloists and chamber ensembles will be showcased. The public is invited to this exciting event in the parish church at 920 Keolu Drive in Kailua. A spaghetti dinner prior to the concert will raise funds for the music department. Tickets may be purchased in the school office at 940 Keolu Drive for \$5. (Reported by Earl Walker)

**25 MAKAWAO St. Joseph Early Learning Center**

Last weekend hosted the parish's largest fundraiser of the year — the **St. Joseph Feast** — three days of fellowship, food, games, auctions and entertainment, all for the glory of God. Everyone worked hard to make this event a success. The feast opened with the May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which the top script sellers will present gifts to Mother Mary. This year's winners are third place, **Landon Gouveia** from the Ladybug Class, presenting a bouquet of flowers to Mary; second place, **Victoria Cook** from the Butterfly class, presenting a lei to Mary; and first place, the year's top script seller, **Tayvan Haupu** from the Butterfly class, who crowned Mother Mary. Following the crowning was the presentation of the parish honoree **Joslyn Minobe** for all the work she does at the thrift shop and for the parish. The students sang two songs to close the program. (Reported by Helen Souza)

**26 HONOLULU St. Theresa School**

The speech team has just concluded another great tournament season! We attended three speech tournaments from December to April, our last one on April 25 at Punahou School. Our 12 participants performed in four categories: duo interpretation, storytelling, impromptu speaking and program reading/poetry. Five of our students received three or four superior ratings from the judges, earning them special medals. **Tyrell Garcia** recited fascinating poems about myths. **Dylan Dinio** presented a rendition of "The Three Little Pigs," with different voices for each character. **Angeline Agag** and **Maezel Baria** displayed wonderful acting skills with a duo script about a comical breakup. Finally, **Kaye Aloha Tacata** presented poems about homework. We are so proud of these students for all of the hard work they have put into their speeches all year. They have demonstrated incredible courage, determination and speaking skills! Keep up the great work! Pictured, from left, **Winfred Chye, Dylan Dinio, Colby Lau, Angeline Agag, Daniella Pasion, Megan Tossey, Maezel Baria, Kaye Aloha Tacata, Jardelle Rabang, Franxesca Balasi, Darryl Tamayo** and **Tyrell Garcia.** (Reported by Katherine Lilly)

**27 KAIMUKI St. Patrick School**

Our school congratulates our very own **Chloe Kwok** in **Mrs. Hill's** fifth grade class upon being selected to represent Hawaii at the **27th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention** in July. Six children from different schools in Hawaii out of 40 applicants were chosen as junior ambassadors for a two-week home-stay program and global youth camp in Fukuoka, Japan, in July. "I look forward to meeting new people and making friends with all the other student ambassadors but also sight seeing and the food!" said Chloe. We wish Chloe the best and safe travels. (Reported by Pamela Asuelo-Montalla)

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# Mahalo, West Hawaii

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## With grateful remembrance ...

- ☞ Marjorie Fujimoto's husband's father migrated from Japan in the 1800s to work at Greenwell Ranch. The family is a pillar of the South Kona Catholic community. After the baptism of her grandchildren James and Micah, all were invited to the parish hall for dinner.
- ☞ Franciscan Sister of the Neumann Communities Sister Rose Annette Ahuna's father was from Kona, her mother from Kohala.
- ☞ A grateful remembrance was made for the late Sister of the Holy Family Sister Elizabeth Murray who started the Big Island Youth Day in 1991. This year's BIYD was April 18-19.
- ☞ In 1943, a fire destroyed Immaculate Conception. Military base personnel from across the street helped rebuild it. Their emblem is mounted at the entrance.
- ☞ In 1955, a convent was built at St. Michael for the Sisters of the Holy Family who catechized Kona.
- ☞ Maryknoll Sister Helen Higgins served in Holualoa 11 years. She was buried in St. Michael's cemetery in 1996.
- ☞ The Haleamau family donated the land under Holy Rosary. Great great granddaughter Agnes Mahi (a great baker!) remembers playing on the church grounds.
- ☞ Holy Rosary parishioner Maggie Adarme's brother helped build the church hall before WWII.
- ☞ On Christmas 1965, U.S. military chaplain Maryknoll Father Vincent Capodanno, a candidate for sainthood, performed his first baptism at Kalikonani-Ascension Mission when it was still a simple structure. The Puako church was the worship place for Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin when they vacationed on the island.
- ☞ Leon Thevenin, the brother of Sister Julie Louise, SS.CC., was a long-time member of Ascension Church and nicknamed the "Mayor of Puako." Before he died at 99, he told Father Stephen Macedo, "The secret of a long life is to say your prayers, take your medicine, and behave."
- ☞ Father Stephen's grandmother was from Wainaku Camp 6, South Hilo.
- ☞ The original structure of Annunciation Church built by St. Damien is located on parish property, as well as foundation stones from the first St. Michael Church in Kona where the faith began on the Big Island.
- ☞ Many Sacred Heart parishioners belonged to

the now closed missions of Our Lady of Victory: St. George, Halawa and Our Lady of Grace, Halaula. Choir members Doreen and Ernest Paro are fifth generation faithful from sugar plantation days.

- ☞ Among the religious vocations that sprung from the sweetness of the faith in Kohala are Holy Family Sister Mary Ruth Faisca and Sisters of St. Francis Rose Annette Ahuna and Severine Bartolome.
- ☞ Parishioner Kathy Ogasawa reminisced how her mother-in-law, born in Kohala, began Taki's dry goods store. As camp needs changed, she expanded it into a grocery store and finally a soda fountain!
- ☞ St. Damien served the Kohala mission from 1865-1873. He built the original Our Lady of Victory Church.
- ☞ The Sisters of the Holy Family catechized at three missions named after Our Lady of Grace — in Makapala, Halaula and Kohala.

## Living the present with passion ...

- ☞ Focused on the family, St. John the Baptist religious ed program meets twice a month under the direction of coordinator Cheryline Ono and dedicated parishioners. Two weeks of lessons are combined, allowing families to have beach time, etc., on off weeks.
- ☞ At the invitation of youth minister Edwina Fujimoto, Sister Rose Annette spoke to the Confirmation class about the life and virtues of St. Marianne Cope as an example for us today. She also shared stories of her mission experience in Kalaupapa.
- ☞ St. John the Baptist Church recognized parishioners Linda and Alex Cadang as "living treasures" for their extraordinary service to the parish.
- ☞ In his homily on Super Bowl Sunday, St. Benedict's pastor Father Alfred Rebuldele told the story of Vince Lombardi, who wanted to be a Catholic priest, but rather became a winning coach for the Green Bay Packers. "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing," he said. Father Al said that in the winning of souls, Jesus wants us only to win as well.
- ☞ Father Al commissioned his Painted Church congregation to be "Ministers of Aloha," following Pope Francis' call to be a welcoming church — full of smiles.
- ☞ St. Michael pastor Father Lio Faletoi is from a family of builders and farmers. His priest cousin in Samoa is building his sixth church. Father Lio's first was Immaculate Heart of Mary, Papaikou; St. Michael his second.
- ☞ Carlos and Maria Valdorinos' family have be-

longed to St. Michael and the Hispanic Community for more than 13 years.

- ☞ Father Emerson Delos Reyes, parochial vicar, celebrated his first Palm Sunday in Immaculate Conception. He is from Tagum, Philippines where the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary run five high schools.
- ☞ Father Stephen Macedo, pastor of Annunciation, Waimea, is Father Lio's seminary classmate (along with Father Scott Bush and Father Marvin Samiano). Father Steve designed and helped build St. Michael's candlesticks recycling old tractor blades and rods.
- ☞ Immaculate Conception's farm and sustainable garden grows green beans, kale, squash, bananas, etc.
- ☞ Immaculate Conception's backpack program provides three meals every other weekend to supplement the diet of Holualoa School children. They plan to increase it to 50 backpacks.
- ☞ For 20 years, people thought Holy Rosary did not have a bell. Then Father Lio climbed up the bell tower and found one. Parishioner Keith Brooks replaced the broken rope.
- ☞ Colombian Father Juan Pablo Galeano, with Ilocano liturgical texts and a tutor, looks forward to saying his first Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes in that dialect.
- ☞ Jane Aganus is not only the director of religious education at Annunciation, but a baker under the name of "Kamuela Jane" nourishing both body and spirit!
- ☞ Beverly Hiraoka was originally from St. Joseph, Paulo. But after the earthquake and the demolition of the church, she cantors at Our Lady of Lourdes.
- ☞ Of the parish's many talented music directors, Mel Yanos was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Church and played the organ there since seventh grade.
- ☞ Back in 1926, Manuel Moniz saved six months of wages (\$125) to buy the "Tongues of Fire" stained glass for Sacred Heart. His son Raymond Moniz, inspired by his grandfather's generosity, is now in his 20th year as lector. May his grandson Jacob follow suit!
- ☞ Maryknoll Father Tom Donnelly started Sacred Heart Parish Food Pantry in 1998. It now collaborates with Hawaii Island Food Basket.
- ☞ Once a month, Jesuit Father Michael Scully meets with fellow pastors from Kohala area churches to address the needs of the people in their community.

## Embracing the future with hope ...

- ☞ Seminarian Alfred Guerrero not only completed his preaching-in-training of Advent and Lenten reconciliation inspirations, but is studying Ilocano to be able to say Mass in his parents' hometown after his ordination in two years.
- ☞ St. Michael parishioner Robert Leopoldino promoted the parish brick garden project. Sponsorships

of bricks, ti plants and olive trees are still available. His cousin is Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Carmen Paez.

- ☞ The permit cleared to construct a bell tower at Annunciation. An 1872 Damien bell may be used. This parish was St. Damien's last before he went to Molokai.
- ☞ In addition to the red, yellow and orange ohia flowers at Annunciation, parishioners look forward to blossoms from four cherry trees planted by Father Stephen.
- ☞ Jacob, a 9-year-old altar server at Our Lady of Lourdes, enthusiastically helped pass out books for the Year of Consecrated Life. After Sister Cheryl Wint's presentation, he interviewed Father Juan on his vocation.
- ☞ Four-year-old Saida is an usher-in-training at Our Lady of Lourdes. Her mom said she already sees her as a religious sister based on her love of the church and adoration of Father Juan.
- ☞ Many students who leave Kohala for further education don't return. However, Angela Costa came back after earning a master's in genetics. She looks forward to working on family histories in Kohala as well as teaching seventh and eighth grade religious education.
- ☞ Religious education coordinator Evie Adams is looking forward to the formation of a youth group this year and the annual ecumenical Christmastide choir celebration at Sacred Heart.
- ☞ The church sign with inspirational phrases (even appreciated by neighboring Buddhists) was funded by a passing "motorcycle angel" who saw the rusted sign down and other church repair needs. He paid the bill and returned the following year to help more. There's hope for more generous donations!



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# Persuasive writing

*Why go to a Catholic school? Here's what some students say*

Mary E. Wellein, a language arts teacher at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Kalihi, gave her fifth and sixth grade students the assignment earlier this year to write "persuasive" essays answering the question: "Why should parents send their children to a Catholic school?"

"As members of the next generation of Hawaii's Catholic community, they are excited that they can contribute in some way to building our Catholic identity," Wellein wrote the Hawaii Catholic Herald, in her persuasive request to have the newspaper draw attention to these excellent articles.

The essays were way too long to print in their entirety, so here are excerpts, short nuggets of conviction in which the students make their case. We think you might be persuaded.

## Grade five

### Learn more about God daily



**Jasmine Allen:** When I was in pre-kindergarten my mom and dad wanted me to learn about Jesus Christ. They brought me to this school at the young age of 4. They really liked this school. We have religion class everyday so we get to learn more about God each day.

### Safe and caring environments

**Kristale Tumacder:** Catholic schools ensure safe and caring environments for students. Students are actively involved with community service, including the Shoebox Project for the poor, Toys for Tots, and beach clean-ups. The teachers are polite and respectful to students.

### Teachers who love God

**Pearlyna Leota:** The way that students are learning about God from Catholic schools is wonderful. In Catholic schools we learn about God in religion by listening to the nuns share about God's miraculous life. Catholic schools have teachers who love God.

### Taught to respect others



**Daniella Bali:** Our school staff, teachers and administrators teach us how to be respectful and show good behavior. Our parents know that we are taught to respect others at our school because it shows at home.

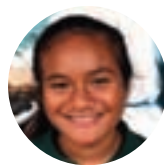
### Cares for our health

**Rhianne Valdez:** Our school cares for our health. If we are sick, our teachers send us to the office to go home. Our school teaches us about health. If you are sick we must always cough or sneeze into our arm or a tissue. To not catch a cold, we must always wash our hands.

### Learn how to write better

**Jocelyn Kim:** Catholic school students develop more effective writing skills. We have a lot of homework to do at Catholic schools. While we do our homework we will learn how to write better.

### Teaches more discipline



**Amy Phillip:** I saw a difference (from public schools): Students who did their homework, who paid attention, and who always tried to listen and not break the rules. The school taught more discipline in order to help their kids follow, listen and do what is asked.

### Family-oriented environment



**Janna Isidro:** A Catholic school is a family-oriented environment. We have fun activities like Family Bingo Night, Chuck E. Cheese Night, the Annual Family Picnic, and our Family Fun Fair. I feel like everyone is a family. Everybody knows your name.

### Teachers are more fun

**Joshua Florentino:** Catholic schools are more enjoyable. Catholic school teachers are more fun and I think that is because we get to do more things and enjoy more fun activities. There are basketball and volleyball teams and those are super fun.

### We do community service

**Cheyenne Laya:** They ask us to do community service. We go to a center where elders live and we help them by singing to them. Every month, we collect money and canned goods for people who need it.

### Give service to the church



**Jayson Zuniga:** We are taught to give service to the church, and I am proud to say that this is my second year as an altar server and I take so much pride in this service because I feel closer to God and I am serving my school and parish with the talents God has given me.

### Think and act like a scientist



**Asin Retuta:** Students have easy access to computers whenever they need them for more information and learning. The school also gives the students a chance to enjoy the state of the art science laboratory. This trains the students to think and act like a scientist.

### Lot of personalized attention

**Isaiah Milam-Akau:** The teachers give us privileges. Sometimes we get snacks like popcorn and a movie to watch after we show good behavior. They also give us a lot of personalized attention. One of my teachers spends a lot of time with me helping me to be organized.

### Formation of moral values

**Verina Batangan:** The most important duty of parents is to send their children to school in order to help them achieve their dreams in life. Choosing a Catholic school is the right choice because it teaches religion, offers a quality education and contributes to the formation of moral values.

### A club called "Amazing Grace"

**Aleksei Zuniga:** We have an extra-curricular club called "Amazing Grace" which means that the club, along with the student council, goes out of the school to homeless people to give food to them. It just really makes me warm and fuzzy inside to know that some people have hope.

### A wide variety of classes

**Henry James:** We take a wide variety of classes and we learn math, science, social studies, reading, language arts, etc. We start learning how to read and write early. We have computers that help us to use technology to research on the Internet, turn in our homework, and we create things.

### We pray for one another

**Darlene Nguyen:** We pray for one another when someone is sick or hurt. When someone in our family is sick, we pray for them because we actually care about

them. We would also pray for one another in class. The teachers at Catholic schools teach us to pray.

### Many loving services

**Samantha Sebastian:** There are many loving services that kids can actively participate in, such as fundraisers, money collection, donations like canned goods or clothes, altar serving and more.

### Teachers are role models

**Isaac Escalante:** The teachers are good examples to students; they are role models and they share their time and talents. When there is a problem the teachers will do their best to resolve it by talking to the parents and students and come up with a solution.

### We do not tolerate bullying

**Zen Navarro:** We do not tolerate bullying. We never tease or humiliate anyone, nor do we call anybody names. To me, verbally bullying someone is repulsive, abhorrent, revolting and disgusting. In addition, all of us have many friends in this school and we work as a team/family.

## Grade six

### In church for daily Mass

**Nicole Sebastian:** When we come to school we put our bags down and walk straight and quietly to church for daily Mass at 7:15. (Then) we go outside and are warmly greeted by our principal, Sister Cecilia. We listen to announcements and then Sister Cecilia gets to choose the grade level to lead us in the morning dance. This is usually my favorite part. When we are all done outside, we grab our bags and go to our classroom, happy and with a positive attitude.

### Learn to live like Jesus



**Micah Barut:** Catholic schools teach you to live and follow what Jesus taught. One way to live like Jesus is to be polite to others and not to bully others. For example, when someone gets into an argument, the student shouldn't get into a fight, they should calm themselves down and talk through with a teacher.

### Be closer with God

**Roger Apuya:** My parents sent me to a Catholic school because they want me to be closer with God, they want me to have a good education, and they want me to be more responsible.

### An outstanding academic program



**Erika Macaraeg:** Catholic schools provide an outstanding academic program that helps students become their best selves. St. John's teachers recognize, monthly or each week, students who excel in academics and display good citizenship.

### We always try to be of service



**Kayla Rose Savellano:** Whether it is clean-ups at the beach, feeding others at a homeless shelter, or even helping out at our school, we always try to be of service. We run beach clean-ups at Ala Moana beach park to help our island of Oahu become a better place. In grade four you can start altar serving. It is basically assisting the priest, and of course, serving the Lord.

### God is a daily essential

**Jessa Ancheta:** At a Catholic school, I add God's good news as a daily essential for my schedule, which strengthens my faith with him little by little every day as I worship him, talk to him, pray to him, and listen to his words. Students who go to Catholic schools have a greater difference in happiness.

### Guided to be responsible citizens

**Donovan Fujii:** Our school provides an education that helps combine academic teaching with God's principles and prepares each student to see Christ through our gifts of talent and in praying. It also helps guide every student to become a self-giving, responsible citizen and leader for Christ.

### Disciplined, respectful, responsible

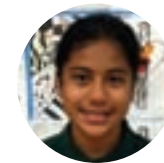


**Teya Lacar:** You learn how to be disciplined, respectful and responsible. You will see how we respect everyone at this school. The students always greet and say, "Good morning or good afternoon," to the parents, teachers, sisters, and visitors. We respect everyone who steps on our campus.

### Work for justice and equality

**Rona Mae Calaycay:** Evangelization or spreading the word of God to others and living the word is the core mission of Catholic education. Catholic School students are likely to work for justice and equality for all. They act and get things done.

### Helping God's people



**Janel Mosés:** As students, we want to help and serve the community. So we help by giving donations of toys to sick kids around the world. During thanksgiving, the student council gave canned goods to the homeless in the parish hall. We are helping God's people that don't have what they need.

### Teachers are very understandable

**Yokiko Techuo:** The teachers are not just telling us how to do it, they also ask questions like "Do you guys understand?" "Do you need help?" and they also walk around helping the students. The way they teach is very understandable.

### Students will always help

**Zachary-Kai Viernes:** The students here will help you if you need it. If you need to carry a lot of books, they will offer to help carry some for you. Another example is how people are there to talk to when you need them. We actively believe in God.

### Donations to the poor



**Reinard Tahilan:** Some things our school does is donating toys to Toys for Tots in December, providing food for the homeless at The Next Step Shelter, and during Lent we give rice bowls with donations to the poor. By doing these activities we help the community around us.

### The importance of being respectful

**Rhuse Rivera:** Teachers teach their students the importance of being respectful and disciplined. The students always greet their teachers when they see them either in the morning, afternoon, or after school.

### Taught to love and serve the Lord

**Dilbuil Floyd:** Students participate in activities to help feed the homeless and collect donations to help those who need it most. At our school, parents help with service hours and participate in family nights and other family-friendly activities. We learn about and gain an understanding of God. We are taught to know, love and serve the Lord.

### Everyone is nice and polite



**Jayson Ancheta:** The people at school are nice, polite, and participate in helping the school and others. If you need help with your homework, they will help you work out the problems. They are polite because students always say "Hi" to everyone, including the teachers, principal and other students.

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# Selected to succeed

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of high school, plus books, uniforms and other expenses. The Augustine Educational Foundation also contributes a share and each family is responsible for \$1,000 a year.

You can't apply for this scholarship. The three participating schools, Saint Francis, Damien Memorial and Sacred Hearts Academy, with help from the Augustine Foundation, choose students from diverse economic, academic and social backgrounds based on potential — not merit or athletics.

The PWH foundation also pays the salary of a counselor or academic coach at each school. Scholarship recipients must participate in individual and family counseling and in group and service activities with the other recipients.

"That is the cornerstone of how we operate," Leong said. "Everyone has a buy-in. They all take ownership of it. It makes for a better cohesive approach."

"You can't just give a kid a scholarship and leave him at the front door and say, 'Here, go study,'" he said.

"All of our students, they come to school with a lot of other issues that sometimes impede their learning ability. What we want to do is understand that and somehow mitigate some of those issues," he said. "We try to be there to help to facilitate that process."

## Recognizing talent

Shawn Borges is an artist who works in oils with a palette knife, creating vibrantly colored impressionistic pieces. His talent was recognized by Leong and nurtured at Damien. The foundation takes care of his art fees and bought him a laptop computer.

"I would say Damien made me better at it," Shawn said. "I always had the ability to draw, but when I came to Damien I started painting. My teacher is a good teacher."

"He would have got lost at Kamehameha," Shawn's mother said. "At Damien everybody knows each other. The teachers know you by name. And he is happy. That makes all the difference in the world as far as his school work is concerned."

Shawn agreed. "I love being here. I feel at home," he said.

His mother said he gave his "most prized piece of art" to Leong "to say thank you."

"That was impressive," she said. "I didn't ask him to do that."

## Community service

An important element of the PWH program is community service. Each school organizes one annual service project. All the students from all the schools participate in each event.

"We want to make sure that all of our students learn that, to give back, they need to know that there are other people who need help also," Leong said.

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 12, the 16 PWH scholars and their parents, their school principals and counselors, the Augustine Foundation staff, diocesan staff members, Leong and assorted others, gathered in the

Sacred Hearts Academy cafeteria to prepare for the Academy's project: serving dinner and providing activities for the children at Honolulu's Next Step Shelter for homeless families.

They fixed salad, prepared goodie bags and helped Bishop Larry Silva's cook Judith Harkte transform 200 pounds of ground beef into hamburger stew.

At around 5 p.m., a small caravan of cars made its way from the school to the ocean's edge in Kakaako to a massive warehouse whose floor is partitioned into a maze of sleeping areas for homeless families.

In one corner of the building, some students set up the buffet dinner line while others created a library corner, handed out goodie bags and played games with the children. One little boy around 5 years old, writing a valentine for his "girlfriend," asked a volunteer how to spell "love."

Scholarship recipient Kacie Kimoto, a Damien sophomore, decorated the tiny arms of children with shiny "glitter tattoos."

Kacie lives in Kalihi, "right around the corner" from Damien. For this non-Catholic with no other connection to the school, living near it seemed like a good reason to apply.

"They said no at first," said Kacie, 15, who previously attended Moanalua Middle School where her younger sister is a student. "Then someone called my parents back and said this scholarship (program) wanted to interview me."

"They explained what the scholarship is and who is giving it and what was expected of me," she said.

Kacie is glad she was accepted. "It's been fun. It keeps me busy," she said.

She finds the service projects particularly rewarding.

"It's opened my eyes a lot, like helping these little kids, seeing what they have to live with and being grateful for what I have," she said. "I feel I have to give back to help them. They are always so happy when you play with them. They don't see what they are going through."

## Desire to play football

Shawn Ellis wanted to go to Saint Francis School in Manoa to play football. Other than that, the Ewa Beach boy, the youngest of three brothers and two sisters, had no links to the school.

"It kind of started with Hammerhead Football," a Ewa Beach sports program for younger kids, said his father Sam Ellis.

For high school, some of Shawn's teammates were planning to go to Saint Francis, whose emerging division 2 football program practically guaranteed playing time.

But the family knew that finances would be a problem. Sam was off work because of an injury and Shawn's mother Tammy Ellis was employed part time.

"I knew we couldn't afford it," Tammy said. "We weren't going to go but something told me to just go" and apply.

To their surprise, they were called back.

"They asked Shawn to write a letter as to why he wanted to



attend Saint Francis," Sam said. "They said they would get back to us and that's when the blessing came."

"It was a blessing that God gave us this opportunity for Shawn to receive a better education in a religious school, to learn about God and church," Sam said, adding that it "kind of gets him away from his kolohe friends."

"He loves this school," Tammy said. "We've seen a big change in Shawn. He smiles a lot. He is more happy."

"He is more mature," said Sam. "Instead of being a follower he has become more of a leader, trying to give back."

Shawn, 16, agreed that the program "helps me to be more open to others and interact with others and be more social."

He sees the school counselor twice a week. "She keeps us on a straight line," he said. "She always makes sure we are back on that line. She motivates us a lot."

Although the work was hard, "it is very rewarding," Shawn said. "The teachers are more hands on. They take the time to work with you."

"The best thing is being with your friends every day and being around school," Shawn said.

Even though it's not easy getting there. Shawn has to wake up by 4:30 a.m. to catch the city bus for the up to two-hour ride to the campus. He doesn't get home until 7:30 or 8 at night.

## The counselors are crucial

Crucial to the PWH scholarship program are the counselors the foundation provides to guide the progress of the students and their families.

Besides being available on campus, the counselors regularly visit the families' homes. Leong said it's an "opportunity to see what is actually going on out there. That portion of the program is very important."

"We have good counselors



out there," Leong said. He describes them as the "boots on the ground."

The PWH Foundation hired Elizabeth Vito in 2013 to be the counselor at Saint Francis School.

It was a good fit. She was born in Hawaii and attended Saint Francis.

She went to Northern Arizona and Western New Mexico Universities, earning a degree in counseling. She worked in the mental behavioral health field for about six years on an Indian reservation in Arizona before returning to Hawaii.

"This job opportunity became available and I thought it was perfect because it was my alma mater," she said.

Vito said she "loves" the home visits. "It was a huge part of my previous experience as a family therapist," she said.

At school, "I'm there for them and guiding them to make the

right choices; and when they fall, I pick them up and back on the right track."

"I talk to these kids a lot during the day. Some are doing great in academics but have social and emotional struggles," she said.

"I believe going into the homes and working with the families has a huge impact with the students' success in academics and just their overall being," Vito said. "I just don't watch their academic success, their grades, but everything they do."

## A good vetting process

Although the program is "initially based on need," Leong said, "families need to buy into the program, they need to understand it, they need to participate, to know what is expected of them."

But the PWH Foundation doesn't "micromanage" the selection process, he said. That's done by the schools' admission direc-



Clockwise from top left, the PWH scholars, their parents and other adults at Sacred Hearts Academy, April 12; student Shawn Ellis serves dinner at the Next Step Shelter; Saint Francis counselor Eizabeth Vito with scholarship recipient Brittney Ganzelli; Kacie Kimoto applying glitter "tattoos" at the shelter; Shawn Borges and his mother Tracy Kalahiki. (HCH photos by Darlene Dela Cruz)

tor, counselors and principals.

"I think it is pretty rigorous how they pick these kids and it has been a good vetting process," Leong said, "so I leave it up to them."

Karen Muramoto, director of admissions for the all-girls Sacred Heart Academy which has five PWH scholars, finds the candidates for her school.

"I go through a process," she said. "I talk to counselors, mostly from public middle schools. Some of them I know, some of them I don't."

She said the students she selects "have such a willing spirit, they want to learn."

"They need our mentoring, they need our encouragement," Muramoto said. "They will do well. We just need to provide them with the support that they need."

"Some of them are scared; this is a new place," she said. "They want to be here but they are not

used to the rigidity, the schedule, the organization, the time, the homework. But it is just wonderful to see them grow, to become more confident."

Sacred Hearts Academy head of school Betty White said she likes what the scholarship does for the entire family.

"Because this might be the first generation going to go to college, the family has such pride in them, the family is just so pleased," she said.

As a result, family members contribute support in many ways, she said. "One auntie will buy her a new computer, another auntie a new pair of shoes," and so on.

"If nothing else it gives these children hope," Muramoto said. "If you give a child hope that they will be successful, they will be."

#### 'Let's do something'

The PWH scholarship program

evolved from scratch in 2012.

"We started initially on the fly," Leong said. "I came here one day and said, 'Let's do something.'"

Two students were quickly recruited for scholarships at Saint Francis School, but they didn't work out for a variety of reasons, he said.

However, "we learned a lot from them," he said, leading to a more careful approach.

In its second year, the program added two more schools, Damien and Sacred Hearts, and had nine students and one counselor. This year there are 16 students and three counselors/academic coaches.

St. Joseph High School in Hilo will join the scholarship schools this fall with three PWH students and one academic coach. Additional students to the other schools will bring the total up to 30 students. For the 2016-17 school year, the program projects

42 students.

"The program is really on the right track," Leong said. "And that is why we want to support it as much as we can."

Leong said he has noticed the maturing of the students. "I remember a young man who was sullen, wouldn't look at you, and very seldom spoke. Now we got this guy smiling who has really done exceptionally well for himself. Each school has produced wonderful kids who have really transformed themselves."

Because some of the students will be the first in their families to go on to college, Leong is exploring ways to extend his program beyond high school.

"We would like to see if we can provide an opportunity for our students to go on if they wish to," he said. "We want to get them to that point where they can succeed."

PWH's present commitment is for four years. But Leong sees the

program continuing beyond that, especially if it receives outside help.

"That is part of the challenge," he said. "In four years, we don't want to be the only ones out here funding this project. We want to see other communities and community-based people willing to step up. Hopefully, when the word gets out about the program, other people will buy into it."

#### Humble and unassuming

Born in Hawaii, Leong himself is a product of local Catholic schools, attending St. Patrick School and Saint Louis High School in Kaimuki in the 1960s.

He did his undergraduate work at Marquette University in Milwaukee and earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin.

Leong worked in Wisconsin for 13 years supervising a county child welfare unit. He now lives in Seattle. Besides managing the PWH Foundation, he describes himself as a private investor. He also spends two months out of the year in the small southeast African country of Malawi managing nutritional, health and sanitation projects he and his wife have developed for the people there. Their work includes the installation of pumps for drinking water, growing quinoa, a nutritious grain, and supporting schools and orphanages.

The PWH Educational Foundation has three other projects on the Mainland similar to Hawaii's, one for a Catholic school in northern Illinois and two on a smaller scale in central Washington and in Portland, Ore.

Leong's personal dedication has impressed the Academy's head of school White.

"Bob is the most humble and unassuming person," she said. "He takes a personal interest in all the children, he asks about them, he knows them by name."

"He sits with them and he listens to them. He tries to be involved in all their activities like sports, and he tries to go to all the games," White said. "If they need a computer, Bob will see that they get it."

Kacie at Damien also appreciates Leong's involvement.

"He comes down and does these things with us. It's good that he gets to see what we have to do," she said.

#### Ensuring future participants

Tracy Kalahiki said her son Shawn is motivated not only for his own success, but for the success of the PWH program and future participants.

"This responsibility to be a scholar pushes him to excel, to try his best," she said, to ensure that the program will be around "to open the doors for future kids."

She said her son accepts that he is being held to "a higher standard."

One of those "future kids" is Kalahiki's younger son Shaden Borges who was invited to be part of the program next school year.

"We are so blessed," she said. "I see so many kids get lost in the public school system. With the number two child going into Damien we are thrilled, so thankful."



Photo courtesy of St. John Vianney School

## Sounds of spring

Kailua's St. John Vianney School will hold its spring concert May 15 at 6:30 p.m. featuring 94 student musicians in beginning band, beginning orchestra, concert band and concert orchestra. It is free to the public.

# Saint Louis names new president, principal

## Head of school Walter Kirimitsu to retire in June

Saint Louis School announced April 22 two new appointments to its highest leadership positions as its current head of school Walter Kirimitsu retires at the end of this academic year.



Glenn Medeiros

Glenn Medeiros has been selected to serve as Saint Louis' president and Sione Thompson as school principal starting July 1.

Medeiros most recently worked as an assistant professor at Chaminade University of Honolulu and vice principal at Maryknoll School. He has taught at several public and private schools on Oahu.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in history and humanities from the University of Hawaii West Oahu, a master's in education from the University of Phoenix in Hawaii and a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California. Medeiros is also an accomplished musician who had a string of international

pop hits in the 1980s and '90s.

"I am humbled for the opportunity to work with the excellent staff and faculty of Saint Louis School as we strive to educate students in the Marianist philosophy, while developing them to be outstanding young men in the community," Medeiros said in a press release announcing his appointment.

Thompson, a Saint Louis alum, has had a long career with the school. He was a social sciences teacher, dean of students, vice principal and director of advancement before serving in his present position as assistant head of school.

He has a bachelor of science degree in sociology and a master's in education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Thompson is working on a master's in business administration at Chaminade University.

The two men are slated to replace Saint Louis head of school Kirimitsu, who will retire in June after nine years at the job.

Kirimitsu, also a Saint Louis graduate, said Medeiros and Thompson comprise a "strong leadership team" with skills "to take on the challenges in years to come."

"Their combined business acumen and academic experience will make us proud," Kirimitsu added.

Saint Louis board of trustees chairman T. Michael Hogan Jr. said the appointments of Medeiros and Thompson came after "an extensive search."

The board, he said, felt Medeiros "was the best person for this position. He will be able to harness the energy and power of the school's dedicated and talented faculty and staff."

Hogan praised Thompson's "familiarity and experience" with the Saint Louis campus and its programs.

The trustees "firmly believe this will be the catalyst for Saint Louis School to build upon the solid, educational institution established 169 years ago," Hogan said.

The Saint Louis Alumni association also endorsed the appointments of Medeiros and Thompson. P. Gregory Frey, president of the organization, said the alumni are "looking forward to Glenn and Sione's leadership of our alma mater."

"The Saint Louis Alumni Association is dedicated to supporting the school in every aspect," Frey said. "We have faith that the school will continue to provide the educational, spiritual and character building that we were so fortunate to experience."

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## Chaminade extends president's term 2 more years

Chaminade University's board of regents voted at its April 24 meeting to approve an extension of Marianist Brother Bernard Ploeger's term as Chaminade's president through June 30, 2017.

Brother Ploeger also announced at the meeting that he did not intend to seek an extension beyond that date, which will mark more than eight years in the position.

Brother Ploeger said he made

his announcement early with concern for the time it takes to recruit a new president.

"The time required to make a smooth transition has lengthened in recent years," he said in a news release. "I believe it is important for the board and all involved to have the advance notice required to exercise care that will result in a successful selection process."

The university president said he is pleased with what he has been able to accomplish up to this point and that there is much more to do.

"In the next two years, we have some tremendously ambitious projects to complete and

I'm committed to making these last two the best years of my presidency," he said.

Chaminade's Board of Regents chairman Vaughn A. Vasconcellos praised Brother Ploeger's tenure thus far.

"He has worked tirelessly to put the university on sound financial footing, raise the quality of our educational offerings, and renew and expand our facilities," Vasconcellos said.

Brother Ploeger was appointed as president in March 2009 upon the death of his predecessor Sue Wesselkamper. Prior to that he had served the university in various leadership capacities for 15 years.

## Heisman trophy winner gives back to his school

Saint Louis School alum and Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota has established a new scholarship fund to aid incoming freshmen in financial need at his alma mater.



Marcus Mariota

The Marcus Mariota Scholarship Fund will be awarded annually to a new or returning student athlete entering the ninth

grade at Saint Louis School, and applied to the student's tuition for four years.

To be eligible, students are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 and maintain at least a 3.0 CGPA afterward. Applicants must also be involved in at least one of the ath-

letic programs at Saint Louis, be of strong character and exhibit good behavior.

The fund will be effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

Walter Kirimitsu, Saint Louis head of school, announced the scholarship last month and praised Mariota for his generosity.

"We are extremely grateful to Marcus for his support of Saint Louis," Kirimitsu said in a press release. "So much has happened in his life since he walked our halls and played on our field, yet he continues to exemplify what it means to be a Saint Louis man. He is generous, humble, faithful and is making a difference in the world."

Mariota entered Saint Louis in the seventh grade. He was a standout quarterback for the Crusaders football team, graduating in 2011.

He led the Oregon University

football program to the 2015 national championship in January. Mariota also won college football's highest honor, the Heisman Trophy, that month. He was drafted to the NFL on April 30 by the Tennessee Titans.

In the press release announcing his namesake scholarship fund, the Saint Louis grad said his education and training at the local, all-boys Catholic school was instrumental in his success.

"Saint Louis School and my family made me who I am today," Mariota said. "I want future generations of student athletes in financial need to know they can become the best they can be in a strong, supportive environment."

Parents of prospective applicants for the Marcus Mariota Scholarship can email mevans@saintlouisohawaii.org for more information.

# Manhattan block to be renamed 'Father Damien Way'

By Patrick Downes  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

New York City will name one block of 33rd Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues on Manhattan's southeast side as "Father Damien Way" on May 11. Two patients from Kalaupapa will be among the Hawaii guests attending the dedication ceremonies.

The minister-president of the Government of Flanders Geert Bourgeois and Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be among the dignitaries at the unveiling of the signs renaming the street for the Hawaii saint who cared for Hansen's disease patients on Molokai 140 years ago.

Ceremonies will take place at the Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary which is located on the newly-named segment of 33rd Street. St. Damien, who

was canonized in 2009, belongs to the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

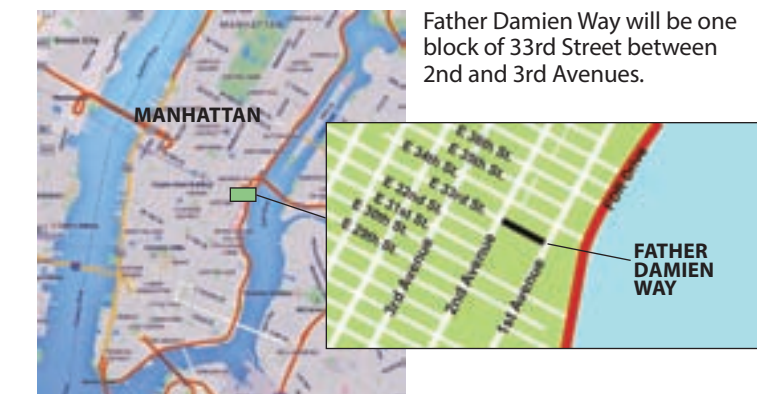
Attending from Hawaii are Kalaupapa residents Clarence "Boogie" and Ivy Kahilihiwa, their airfare courtesy of Hawaiian Airlines. Accompanying them will be Sister Cheryl Wint and Sister Alicia Damien Lau. Both are Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities.

"It is an honor for Ivy and myself to represent our people," Kahilihiwa told the Hawaii Catholic Herald last week. "We are looking forward to it."

He said he wants "to bring aloha" from the land of St. Damien to the city of New York.

This is the Kahilihiwas' first trip to New York City.

Other patients "would have liked to go," Sister Alicia Damien said, but were unable to for a va-



Father Damien Way will be one block of 33rd Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

riety of reasons.

Also attending is Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona, pastor of St. Augustine Church in Waikiki.

Attending New York officials include New York City council member Rosie Mendez, the New York State deputy secretary for civil rights Patricia Gatling, and Ellen Agler, CEO of The End

Fund, a non-governmental organization specializing in neglected infectious diseases.

Other events celebrating the renaming include a performance of Aldyth Morris' one-man play "Damien" by Maui actor Vinnie Linares May 10 at the WestBeth Center for the Arts, a Mass at 10 a.m. May 11 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and a Father Damien

Celebration Dinner that evening with Flanders minister-president Bourgeois and Cardinal Dolan at the Metropolitan Club of New York.

Flanders House, a diplomatic arm of the Government of Flanders in Belgium, was instrumental in the re-naming of the street.

Nicolas Polet, Flanders House director of communications and public affairs, said in a news release "We're always looking to deepen and strengthen the bond between Flanders and United States. When Saint Damien was canonized, it seemed like a perfect way to do that."

Polet said that New York City was chosen for its strong international ties and the block itself for its proximity to Bellevue Hospital, home to the only Hansen's disease clinic in the mid-Atlantic region.

## Knights of Columbus celebrate 2,000 membership milestone

At the 36th annual state convention at the Ala Moana Hotel, April 24-26, the Knights of Columbus serving Hawaii and American Samoa celebrated reaching the milestone of 2,000 members across 29 councils.

The event also saw the election of officers and the awarding of honorees.

The new officers elected for 2015-2016 are state deputy Steve Lopez, state secretary Ted Rhoades, state treasurer Steve Fredette, state advocate Robert Camilleri and state warden Mike Madix.

The convention started with Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva and concluded with a banquet attended by 173. Ed and Lo-



Photo courtesy of Knights of Columbus

Hawaii's Knights of Columbus meet last month at the Ala Moana Hotel.

retta Ubante of Immaculate Conception Council 6734, Ewa Village, won the banquet grand door prize of lunch with Bishop Silva.

The Knights reported that in

2014 the fraternal organization in Hawaii donated \$113,522 to charity and nearly \$2 million in volunteer hours.

At the meeting the Knights

awarded the following honors:

- Council of the Year: Kamiano Council 11743, Honolulu
- Recruiter of the Year: Robert S. Allen
- Grand Knight of the Year: John "Jack" Cleghorn
- Knight of the Year: Robert S. Allen
- Best District of the Year: Robert S. Allen, District 3
- Officer of the Year: Robert B. Camilleri
- Family of the Year: Theodore & Daisy Rhoades
- Lady of the Year: Molly Anguay, wife of Bruce Anguay
- Lifetime Achievement Award: William "Bill" Clarke

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## Our Lady of Sorrows Filipino Catholic Club installs new officers

Sacred Hearts Father Richard McNally, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Wahiawa, recently installed during Mass the officers of the parish's Filipino Catholic Club.

The new officers are president Den Ferido, vice presidents Primo Ungos and Freda Pacleb, secretary Pacita Baron, corresponding secretary Jovita Ungos, and treasurers Perlita Robinson and Valerie Dascal Tago. Father McNally is the club's spiritual director.

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### Land and sacraments

"Sacraments are outward signs of God's love."

These words are echoed in the diocese's "One Ohana" videos which show how sacraments celebrate our connection with the sacred. Bishop Larry Silva has called us to deepen our understanding of how the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are connected. The Office for Social Ministry is gathering parishioners around the theme "One Ohana — Food for All" to deepen our sacramental connections.

On April 25, on the island of Hawaii, dozens of people, including 25 Chuukese from Hilo, traveled to Hawaii for a One Ohana — Food for All gathering at Palili O Kohala, an educational farm formed by families near Sacred Heart Parish.

The gathering began by recognizing how fundamental values in Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are reinforced through sharing parish food ministries and connecting to sustainable nutritious food efforts all over the island.

Some of the leaders were young parishioners who work on the farm, demonstrating by example a new community evangelism of youth and young adults.

The One Ohana — Food for All gathering in Wahiawa on May 2 showed several ways food ministries are deeply related to sacraments. On Oahu's Waianae coast, children visit daily Hoa Aina O Makaha, an educational garden on Sacred Heart Parish land. There they experience reconnecting with the sacred through "the aina that which feeds us all."

They learn how land and water connect as a source of life; how we are made up of water and minerals (soil, not dirt); why we are called to "malama the aina and wai with aloha and use our hands to plant from our hearts" (tucking the seeds into the soil, putting them to bed and saying "good night" before leaving).

They learn that land and water do not discriminate but share their gifts with all, teaching us how to be in communion, in connection with all. They talk about how the gifts of the land and sea connect us with the source of all energy, the Divine Creator. These sacred values are symbolized, celebrated and deepened in the sacraments of initiation.

The folks at Hoa Aina O Makaha also connected gardening to the sacrament of Reconciliation. When we see weeds, we pull them out. The garden looks better, we see the beauty. But that is not enough. We need to plant something positive or the weeds will take over again. It's a description of penance as an instrument of God's healing grace and the Holy Spirit's positive transformation, nourishing and sustaining our connection to the sacred.

These are some ways the One Ohana — Food for All gatherings help us experience sacramental connections. The next gathering is May 9 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center where Hoa Aina O Makaha will show us how to deepen our understanding of sacraments by making ohana bucket gardens to take home.

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Two Leeward Oahu parishes are set to benefit this summer from the love of golf.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Ewa Beach is hosting its first annual golf tournament fundraiser, "Out of the Rough", June 26, at Coral Creek Golf Course in Ewa Beach. All are welcome.

The event will help collect money to build a larger church for the growing parish community, a vision that goes back years to when Father Scott Bush was pastor. The parish's administrator now is Father Edmundo Barut Jr.

Check-in is 9:30 a.m., start time is 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$150 a player; \$450 for a three-person team and covers green fees, cart, bento lunch, drinks and snacks on the course, door prize ticket, dinner buffet and goodies. The hole in-one prize is a car from Aloha Kia. Come and enjoy! To sign up, contact Jerome or Bernie Kanalulu at [jb-kohana@gmail.com](mailto:jb-kohana@gmail.com) / 685-2906; 225-8716. Or call the parish office at 689-8681.

The second tournament is Aug. 14, the TGFG (Thank God for Golf!) Golf Club's second annual charity tournament, also at the Coral Creek Golf Course.

The event will benefit St. Jude Church food pantry ministry in Kapolei which feeds hundreds of people every month year round.

The tournament is a three-person team scramble, \$160 per person or \$480 per team, which covers golf fees, cart, goody bags, lunch, refreshments on the course, buffet dinner, beverage, dessert and entertainment.

The event will also include games and contests, team prizes, raffle prizes, door prizes and more. Cutter Buick GMC of Waipahu is sponsoring a hole-in-one car.

The St. Jude food pantry ministry is a year-round task. About a dozen volunteers pick up, sort, count and store the food, and sorts, inspects and folds the used clothing. The ministry works Tuesdays and Thursdays, every week of the year.

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# Pope defends Blessed Serra, prays for missionary zeal in Americas

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — People seem to enjoy finding the shortcomings of candidates for sainthood like Blessed Junipero Serra, but they should ask themselves if they would have his generosity and courage to leave everything behind to care for the poor and bring them the Gospel, Pope Francis said.

Visiting the Pontifical North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome, Pope Francis insisted Blessed Serra fits into a host of saints who shaped the history and culture of the Americas, particularly by spreading Christianity, caring for the poor and defending the oppressed.

The pope's Mass May 2 with 250 seminarians from more than 100 U.S. dioceses, as well as Australia and Canada, came at the end of a symposium on Blessed Serra organized by the seminary, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Knights of Columbus.

Although the college is on the Janiculum Hill overlooking the Vatican, Pope Francis' was the first papal visit to the campus since 1980, when St. John Paul II went.

Pope Francis is scheduled to canonize Blessed Serra, the 18th-century Spanish missionary to California, during his September trip to the United States. "This meeting at your college and around the eucharistic table is a beautiful and meaningful introduction to my apostolic trip to the United States of America," he told the students, staff, bishops and cardinals at the Mass.

Giving his homily in Italian, Pope Francis noted how Spanish missionaries in the 16th century had preached the Gospel across what is now the southern and



Pope Francis passes an image of Blessed Junipero Serra as he leaves after celebrating Mass at the Pontifical North American College in Rome May 2.

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southwestern United States from Florida to California. "This was long before the pilgrims of the Mayflower reached the North Atlantic coast," he noted.

While critics of the canonization have claimed that Blessed Serra was part of a system that destroyed native cultures and that he abused Native Americans at his missions, Pope Francis said Blessed Serra, like other Catholic missionaries in the Americas, "defended the indigenous peoples against abuses by the colonizers."

Referring to the Franciscan missionary as "Fra Junipero," Pope Francis said the Spaniard was motivated by a desire to share the Gospel with the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

"He was filled with joy and the Holy Spirit in spreading the word of the Lord," the pope said. "Such zeal excites us, it challenges us!"

People study the lives and works of the missionaries, he said. They look at their strengths and, unfortunately, especially "their weaknesses and their shortcomings."

"But I wonder if today we are able to respond with the same generosity and courage to the call of God, who invites us to leave everything in order to worship him, to follow him, to rediscover him in the face of the poor, to proclaim him to those who have not known Christ and, therefore, have not experienced the embrace of his mercy," the pope said.

The witness of Blessed Serra, he said, is a call for all Catholics to get personally involved in missionary activity across the Americas, motivated by "the joy of the Gospel."

Referring to Blessed Serra as "one of the founding fathers of the United States" — his missions were settlements that grew into some of the major cities of what is

now the state of California — Pope Francis said the Franciscan is a reminder of the important role the Spanish had and their descendants continue to have in the U.S. Catholic community.

Blessed Serra is part of a long line of holy men and women who preached and lived the Gospel of charity in the Americas, he said, listing two dozen male and female saints who ministered everywhere from Canada to Chile. He included the indigenous "humble workers in the vineyard of the Lord, like Juan Diego and Kateri Tekakwitha," as well as "martyrs like Roque Gonzalez (a Jesuit killed in Brazil in 1628), Miguel Pro (a Mexican Jesuit killed in 1927) and Oscar Arnulfo Romero," the assassinated archbishop of San Salvador, who is scheduled to be beatified May 23.

"There has been holiness in America — much holiness," Pope Francis said. "May a powerful gust of holiness sweep through all the Americas during the coming extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy."

Pope Francis, the first pope from the Americas, prayed that "the life of our American continent may be rooted ever more deeply in the Gospel it has received; (and) that Christ may be ever more present in the lives of individuals, families, peoples and nations, for the greater glory of God."

"We pray, too, that this glory may be manifested in the culture of life, brotherhood, solidarity, peace and justice, with a preferential and concrete love for the poor," he said.

As is customary, Pope Francis asked the congregation at the college to pray for him and he entrusted his July trip to South America and his September trip to Cuba and the United States to the protection of "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fra Junipero and all the American saints."

# Week after quake, trucks of aid begin reaching remote areas of Nepal

By Anto Akkara  
Catholic News Service

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Truckloads of relief material organized by church charities began moving across Nepal a week after the Himalayan nation was rocked by a magnitude-7.8 earthquake April 25.

"I am glad that much-needed aid is finally beginning to reach remote areas," Greg Auberry, Catholic Relief Services' regional director for East and South Asia, told Catholic News Service May 4.

Auberry had just returned to Kathmandu from Gorkha — just 85 miles from the capital but five hours of rough mountain drive — where CRS and Caritas Nepal staff had distributed relief material like tarps, dry rations, hygiene items and water purification tablets.

"Given the mountainous terrain, getting relief supplies to even the most convenient locations for people to collect them is not easy. It took CRS several hours with small tractors — one getting stuck — to get the tarpaulins and household supplies to the village of Bukrang near Gorkha," said Auberry, who oversaw relief distribution in the region May 3.

"People walked miles to come," he added.

Nine days after the quake, the Nepal government revised the death toll to more than 7,200 killed and 14,300 injured, while thousands have gone missing.

Father Pius Perumana, Caritas Nepal director, told CNS that besides CRS contingent, officials of a dozen national Caritas affiliates like CAFOD, Cordaid and Caritas of nearly a dozen countries had reached Nepal to augment the church relief work.

"While relief material is being material sent to different remote areas, our assessment teams also have gone to the worst-hit areas. We are meeting on a daily basis



Father Pius Perumana, Caritas Nepal director, center, gives instructions to staff at Assumption Catholic Church in Lalitpur May 1. Father Perumana told CNS that besides the CRS contingent, officials of nearly a dozen national Caritas affiliates like CAFOD, Cordaid and Caritas had reached Nepal to augment the church relief work following the April 25 earthquake.

to coordinate the relief work," Father Perumana said.

"Relief materials are being already procured from wherever we can," said Albert Grasse Hokamp, coordinator of Caritas Germany for East Asia.

Hokamp, who has spent several years in Nepal with international charities, said food and other relief supplies have been ordered from India, tents from Pakistan and Dubai, and medicines from Europe.

"We are working as a team and need to coordinate and plan our relief work," he added.

While top church workers plan out the strategies, church centers and parishes in Kathmandu are a beehive of volunteers and buzzing with activity. Even Hindu vol-

unteers have joined Catholic youth and others to prepare parcels of tea, sugar and lentils for distribution in the villages.

"My friend in Caritas (Nepal) invited me. I am happy to be here instead of idling the time at home with our college shut because of the earthquake," Usha Thapa, a Hindu undergraduate student, told CNS May 1 while filling lentil packets for distribution at Assumption Catholic Church in Lalitpur.

Neeru Shreshta, another young Hindu woman, said she came to the church prompted by Thapa and enjoys the work.

"I have been coming here for two days and left last night at 9 p.m.," Thapa said proudly.

Three dozen Western tourists also were

preparing relief packets at a frantic pace as if they were working in a factory.

"We came here as tourists. But we can't do much in the present situation. When we were invited to come here, we joined gladly," said Tave Teloye of the Canadian province on Ontario. He and his children, Alan and Juliet, formed a packing unit at the Assumption Church hall.

Doren Graham, a university student from New Zealand, was in his hotel room in Kathmandu when the quake hit, a day after he arrived in Kathmandu.

"I came for trekking. Though it is not possible now, I will extend my stay to be a relief after witnessing the devastation and the suffering," Graham said.

Meanwhile, Catholic communities in Nepal were mobilizing all of their resources.

"We have eight mobile health clinic vans scattered in Nepal. We have directed all of them to the disaster areas," Jesuit Father Boniface Tigga, Jesuit provincial of Nepal, told CNS May 4. He said they also had sent out truckloads of supplies.

Good Shepherd Sister Taskila Nicholas told CNS that "the situation in the villages is very bad."

"People have to walk for five and six hours to reach the roads to get food or any help. I am worried about the old and the injured in the mountains. What can they do?" said Sister Nicholas while traveling to Kathmandu to collect relief material for distribution.

"On Sunday, some of our sisters and others walked seven hours to reach relief material to the people in some of the villages," she said.

For links on how to donate to help earthquake victims: <https://cnsblog.wordpress.com/2015/04/27/where-to-give-to-help-nepals-earthquake-victims/>.



Pope Francis touches the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the start of a Mass in honor of Mary in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this Oct. 13, 2013, file photo.



Pope Francis walks near a statue of Mary during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this May 29, 2013, file photo.



Pope Francis prays in front of a statue of Mary as he arrives to lead his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Feb. 11.

# Mother and son

*Pope Francis shares a personal and intimate devotion to Mary*

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY** — From Easter to Pentecost — and especially during the Marian month of May — Catholics recite the “Regina Coeli” prayer “with the emotion of children who are happy because their mother is happy” that Jesus has risen from the dead, Pope Francis said.

Although his devotion to the Mother of God is profound, it is simple in many ways: Mary is a mother to every believer; Jesus would not leave his followers orphans.

While his connection to Mary clearly is a matter of heart and mind, it is also physical. Whenever Pope Francis passes a statue or icon of Mary, he kisses it or allows his hand to rest tenderly upon it.

Honoring the Mother of God, of course, is a solid part of Catholic tradition and a mainstay in the devotion and teaching of the popes. St. John Paul II's motto, “Totus Tuus” (“All yours”), and the large M on his coat of arms were just the most graphic elements of a devotion that led to a whole body of teaching about Mary, her role in Catholics' faith life and the importance of praying the rosary.

Pope Francis would not have an argument with any of St. John Paul's Marian piety or discourse.

But there are differences.

“The sense of Pope Francis' devotion to Mary is a little more personal, more intimate” than St. John Paul's was, said Redemptorist Father Sabatino Majorano, a professor at Rome's Alphonsianum Institute. Pope Francis expresses “that feeling that exists between a son and his mother, where I think Pope John Paul's was more that of a subject and his queen.”

The difference, he believes, comes from their roots: Pope Francis' Latin roots — not just in Argentina, but also from his Italian family — and St. John Paul's Slavic, Polish culture.

Retired Pope Benedict XVI spoke and

wrote less about Mary than his predecessor and successor, but one now-solid Marian custom began in his pontificate: Whether or not it is a Marian feast day, a statue of Mary is placed prominently near the altar at papal liturgies.

Pope Francis' habit of touching images of Mary is a typical Latin American gesture, one Father Majorano said he saw repeated thousands of times at Brazil's Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, which is staffed by his brother Redemptorists. “The tactile experience is part of praying. It's a spirituality that takes flesh, becomes concrete; it is not just an idea or a theory.”

At Mass and other formal liturgical services, Pope Francis uses incense to bless the Marian images. He notices the images and often comments on them.

In Caserta, Italy, last July, Pope Francis celebrated the feast of St. Anne, Mary's mother. A locally loved statue of St. Anne holding the hand of her little girl, Mary, was placed to the side of the altar.

In his homily, the pope said, “When I was using the incense, I noticed something very beautiful: The statue of St. Anne does not have a crown, but her daughter Mary is crowned. St. Anne is the

woman who prepared her daughter to become queen, to become queen of heaven and earth. This woman did a great job.”

## If you don't love the mother

Visiting Naples in March, Pope Francis told priests, nuns and seminarians that one way to make sure Jesus is the center of their lives is to ask “his mother to take you to him. A priest, a brother, a nun who does not love Mary, who does not pray to her — I would even say one who does not recite the rosary — well, if you don't love the mother, the mother will not give you the Son.”

In the same talk, the pope spoke again about how he recently read “The Glories of Mary,” a hefty book written in 1750 by St. Alphonsus Liguori. “In this book, I like reading the stories about Mary that are behind each chapter; in them you see how Mary always leads us to Jesus.”

Father Majorano, an expert in the writings of St. Alphonsus, said he and his confreres were not surprised to hear Pope Francis praising the 265-year-old work of their founder.

The style St. Alphonsus uses to speak of Mary reflects the Latin culture he and

the pope share — “warm, written with the heart more than the head, although it is intelligent,” Father Majorano said. “In general, St. Alphonsus in his books shows a great knowledge of patristic works and other church writers — he cites them continually — but this work on Mary is written more with the heart.”

The two focal points of St. Alphonsus' life, he said, were “the crucifix as an expression of God's love — not his justice — and Mary. They were the two realities that motivated his preaching and what he proposed in his missions.”

St. Alphonsus focused on Mary's role as the “Queen of Mercy,” the Redemptorist said. “The basic characteristic he emphasizes is that Mary is God's welcomer; that is, when we are afraid to approach God because of our sins, she welcomes us and helps us turn to him. So, her mercy is acceptance and her mercy is her ability to intercede for us and her mercy is to always anticipate our needs, like she did at the wedding at Cana.”

In his official proclamation of the 2015-2016 Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote, “Mary attests that the mercy of the son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception. Let us address her in the words of the ‘Salve Regina,’ (‘Hail Holy Queen’) a prayer ever ancient and new, so that she may never tire of turning her merciful eyes toward us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her son Jesus.”

## ‘Scandal’ of inequality, fear of marriage must be addressed

By Laura Ieraci  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY** — Two millennia after the “Gospel of the family” defeated an abusive social practice that humiliated women, the “radical equality” of spouses in Christian marriage must now bear “new fruit” in society, including “the right to equal pay for equal work,” said Pope Francis.

This “disparity” between men and women in the workplace is “a pure scandal,” Pope

Francis said April 29 during his weekly general audience.

Continuing a series of audience talks about marriage, the pope began by saying Jesus demonstrated his great fondness and solicitude for marriage and family when he changed water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

The love between man and woman in marriage is “God's masterpiece,” the pope said, straying from his prepared remarks. Though Jesus' message to married couples is always

the same, “many things have changed” since then, he said.

Today there are fewer marriages, more marriage break-ups, and fewer children, the pope noted. Family and marital bonds are broken with “always greater frequency and speed,” and children are always “the biggest victims,” he said.

The pope said that if a person, since childhood, experiences marriage as a temporary bond, then “unconsciously” he or she will tend to live that way, too.

Though young people rank family first as a social indicator for happiness, he said, many give up on the idea of “an irrevocable bond” and of a long-lasting family life.

“For fear of failure, many do not even want to think about (marriage),” Christian youth included, he said.

“I believe we need to reflect with great seriousness about why many young people ‘don't feel’ like getting married,” the pope said. Why do they “often prefer cohabitation?”



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## God is love

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

**T**he Acts of the Apostles once again provides the first reading for a weekend in the Easter season. In this reading, the Apostle Peter enters the house of Cornelius who falls to his knees in homage to the leader of the followers of Jesus. Graciously, Peter lifts Cornelius to his feet. Then Peter insists that he has no partiality among persons of various ethnic and national backgrounds because God has no such partiality.

At the moment of this testimony of faith, and of true discipleship, the Holy Spirit descends into the group present, including the gentiles. Peter says that anyone so prompted by the Spirit cannot be denied baptism by water.

To set the stage for this reading, Cornelius was not Jewish. He was a gentile. Moreover, he was a Roman, representative of the detested occupying pagan power. His associates were gentiles. Despite all this, Peter entered the home of Cornelius, unbelievable for a devout Jew, and Peter was a Jew. Peter went insisting that all should have access to God, and God welcomes all. Finally, God, in the Holy Spirit, comes into the hearts of all. The Spirit is with Peter. At last, Peter brings all into the company of faith by baptizing them with water.

The First Epistle of John is the source of the next reading. This reading is a moving and especially descriptive message about God's love. God is love. God is in Jesus. Love is in God. Marvelously, God shares this divine love with the faithful.

God's love, and living according to God's love, brings a joy unequalled by anything on earth.

The test of loving God is in obeying the commandments. God revealed the commandments, and God perfectly revealed the divine plan for salvation through and in Jesus.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. Like the second reading, this proclamation of the Gospel centers upon the love of God.

In this reading, God's love is celebrated. God's love was proven by the Lord's willing, sacrificial death on Calvary. "There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Because of uniting with Jesus in faith and love, disciples are friends of God. For the ancient Jews, as well as others in the Mediterranean world, friend was much more powerful in its meaning than it is today. It meant an intense bond, a loyalty.

Truly loving God means to love others. The image of the vine occurs again. Disciples are the branches. Christ is the great, main vine. If true to Christ, disciples produce much fruit.

The reading closes with the wonderful admonition of Jesus to "love one another."

### Reflection

Carefully and deliberately the church is leading us forward to the feast of the Ascension. It is if we Christians had been standing beside the Apostles in the days following the Resurrection, hearing with them the words of the risen Jesus, seeing as they saw the wonder of life victorious over death.

Now the mood slightly shifts. The church is preparing us for the Ascension, telling us that the presence of Jesus on earth changed. Discipleship did not change.

Jesus calls us "to love one another." He is the model. Considering the depth of the divine love displayed in the Crucifixion, it is a challenge for mere mortals. Yet it is possible.

It is possible because strength and insight come to any true believer from the Holy Spirit. It is insight that brings peace and joy. It is outreach and great in its compassion and service.

And it comes to anyone who earnestly seeks God, even if they are tempted by sin. In God's love is strength. We are called as disciples to bear this love to others.

# Catechesis



Father Kenneth  
Doyle  
QUESTION CORNER

## When should I make a prayer request?

**Q** I read recently that, during the consecration at Mass, the blessed Savior is most present to us — and that if we have a special prayer request, that would be the best time to make it. Can you tell me if that is correct, or is there a more appropriate time? (Columbia, Missouri)

**A** It is true that when the words of consecration are pronounced by the priest, Jesus himself becomes present on the altar under the appearance of bread and wine. This makes that moment, of course, an especially sacred one. I have noticed that even when a congregation has seemed fidgety and distracted, a reverent hush descends at the time of consecration.

If you feel a particular closeness to Christ right then, by all means go ahead and make your request — although the primary focus at that moment should be gratitude to the Lord for coming so near.

Finally, I need to point out that, in listening to our needs, God has no "office hours." I believe, and the teaching of the church holds, that Jesus' invitation to "ask and you shall receive" applies in any circumstance and in every setting.

### What is her marital status?

**Q** I have read your column and you seem to make appropriate clarifications. Here is the situation of my friend, who lives in the Philippines. (By the way, divorce is not

legal in the Philippines.) Some time ago, she was married in a Catholic Church wedding; that marriage has now been annulled civilly, but not yet by the church. Later she married a different man in a civil wedding, and that second marriage is now in the process of civil annulment.

I am only concerned about her standing in the church. In the church's eyes, is she still married to husband No. 1? Does this mean that she has two husbands at the same time? And finally, can she take Communion in the Catholic Church? (City of origin withheld)

**A** It is true that the Philippines, where 86 percent of the population is Catholic, is one of the few countries in the world where divorce is not recognized legally. However, that fact is extraneous to your question, which regards only your friend's status in the church.

Her first marriage, which took place in a Catholic Church, was and still is recognized by the church. It sounds as though a petition for a church annulment may have been filed, but until that process is decided, the first marriage is still valid

in the church's eyes.

The second wedding "did not count" in the view of the church; not only were they married outside the church, but your friend was still married to husband No. 1 and therefore was not eligible to marry again with the Catholic Church's blessing. (So she doesn't have "two husbands" in the church's view, only the first one.)

Where does this leave your friend right now? I assume that she is no longer living with husband No. 2, since you said that the marriage is in the process of being civilly annulled. So your friend is in good standing in the church and eligible to take holy Communion.

However, before she does that she should go to confession and tell the priest about her marriages — especially the second civil marriage, which would have been objectively sinful.

It will be good for you to pass this information on to your friend; there is a common belief that a failed marriage by itself (apart from a second marriage) separates one from the community of the church and the grace of the sacraments.

That is not true — a spouse might be relatively blameless in the collapse of a marriage and may (and should) continue to receive the sacraments.

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## Beatitudes

Blessed are **they who mourn**: for they shall be comforted.



A woman mourns near the body of her 10-year-old daughter outside her destroyed home April 27 on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal. More than 4,300 people were known to have been killed and an estimated 1 million people were left homeless after a magnitude-7.8 earthquake hit a mountainous region near Kathmandu April 25.

CNS photo/Narendra Shrestha, EPA



Father Ronald  
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## Who am I to judge?

Perhaps the single, most-often quoted line from Pope Francis is his response to a question he was asked vis-à-vis the morality of a particularly-dicey issue. His, infamous-famous reply: “Who am I to judge?” Although this remark is often assumed to be flighty and less-than-serious; it is, in fact, on pretty safe ground. Jesus, it seems, says basically the same thing. For example, in his conversation with Nicodemus in John’s Gospel, he, in essence, says: “I judge no one.”

If the Gospel of John is to be believed, then Jesus judges no one. God judges no one. But that needs to be put into context. It doesn’t mean that there aren’t any moral judgments and that our actions are indifferent to moral scrutiny. There is judgment; except it doesn’t work the way it is fantasized inside the popular mind. According to what Jesus tells us in John’s Gospel, judgment works this way:

God’s light, God’s truth and God’s spirit come into the world. We then judge ourselves according to how we live in the face of them: God’s light has come into the world, but we can choose to live in darkness. That’s our decision, our judgment. God’s truth has been revealed, but we can choose to live in falsehood, in lies. That’s our decision, our judgment to make. And God’s spirit has come into the world, but we can prefer to live outside that spirit, in another spirit. That too is our decision, our judgment.

God judges no one. We judge ourselves. Hence we can also say that God condemns no one, though we can choose to condemn ourselves. And God punishes no one, but we can choose to punish ourselves. Negative moral judgment is self-inflicted. Perhaps this seems abstract, but it is not. We know this existentially, we feel the brand of our own actions inside us. To use just one example: How we judge ourselves by the Holy Spirit.

God’s spirit, the Holy Spirit, is

not something so abstract and slippery that it cannot be pinned down. St. Paul, in the Epistle to the Galatians, describes the Holy Spirit in terms so clear that they can only be rendered abstract and ambiguous by some self-serving rationalization. How does he describe and define the Holy Spirit?

So as to make things clear he sets up a contrast by first telling us what the Holy Spirit is not. The spirit of God, he tells us is not the spirit of self-indulgence, sexual vice, jealousy, rivalry, antagonism, bad temper, quarrels, drunkenness or factionalism. Anytime we are cultivating these qualities inside of our lives, we should not delude ourselves into thinking we are living in God’s spirit, no matter how frequent, sincere or pious is our religious practice. The Holy Spirit, he tells us, is the spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and chastity. Only when we are living inside of these virtues are we living inside God’s spirit.

So then, this is how judgment happens: God’s spirit (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and chastity) has been revealed. We can choose to live inside the virtues of that spirit or we can choose to live instead inside their opposites (self-indulgence, sexual vice, rivalry, antagonism, bad temper, quarrels, drunkenness and factionalism). One choice leads to a life with God, the other leads away from God.

And that choice is ours to make; it doesn’t come from the outside. We judge ourselves. God judges no one. God doesn’t need to.

When we view things inside this perspective it also clarifies a number of misunderstandings that cause confusion inside the minds of believers as well as inside the minds of their critics. How often, for instance, do we hear this criticism: If God is all-good, all-loving and all-merciful, how can God condemn someone to hell for all eternity? A valid question, though not a particularly reflective one. Why? Because God judges no one; God punishes no one. God condemns no one to hell. We do these things to ourselves: We judge ourselves, we punish ourselves, and we put ourselves in various forms of hell whenever we choose not to live in the light, the truth and inside God’s spirit. And that judgment is self-inflicted, that punishment is self-inflicted, and those fires of hell are self-inflicted.

There are a number of lessons in this. First, as we have just seen, the fact that God judges no one, helps clarify our theodicy, that is, it helps deflate all those misunderstandings surrounding God’s mercy and the accusation that an all-merciful God can condemn someone to eternal hellfire. Beyond this, it is a strong challenge to us to be less judgmental in our lives, to let the wheat and the darnel sort themselves out over time, to let light itself judge darkness, to let truth itself judge falsehood, and to, like Pope Francis, be less quick to offer judgments in God’s name and more prone to say: “Who am I to judge?”

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Father John  
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## No matter what you seek in life, keep Christ close

You’ve probably heard the phrase, “To thine own self be true,” spoken by Polonius in one of William Shakespeare’s works. These words have an important meaning in everyone’s life. This saying means we should follow what our conscience tells us in order to be true to ourselves.

But we should be true to ourselves with the certainty we’ve been told about since we were children: that God loves us.

If you’re the kind of person who wants more control over life, your thoughts and your feelings, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and believe that he wants you to live joyfully because you know he loves you. This should allow you to live without anxiety.

If you’re the kind of person who wants to grow in self-respect and win the respect of others, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully because of the knowledge of God’s love.

If you’re the kind of person who wants to be remembered as someone who made a difference in this world, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully because of the knowledge of God’s love.

If you’re the kind of person who believes in an afterlife and wants to attain the goal of eternal happiness, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully because you know he loves you.

If you’re the kind of person who wants to believe deeply in the forgiveness of sins and who knows that the good we do in this life will live after us, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully because God loves you.

*If you’re the kind of person who wants to be liberated from anxiety and fear, then make Jesus the Lord of your life*

If you’re the kind of person who feels that you need greater strength to accomplish your most noble intentions, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully knowing God loves you.

If you’re the kind of person who wants to liberate from anxiety, fear and doubt, then by all means make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully because you know God loves you.

If you’re the kind of person who believes that secular values have contributed to a lowering of ethical standards and want to follow the highest values of the human spirit, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully because God loves you.

If you’re the kind of person who wants to be a saint, not primarily for your own glory but for the glory of God and for the good of souls, then make Jesus the Lord of your life and live joyfully because God loves you.



# Myfaith

Sister Merle Lebaquin,  
Dominican Sisters of  
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VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

## Love and dedication

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

In the beginning, when Mother (my superior general) asked me to take up studies in elementary education at St. Augustine College, I disobeyed her and enrolled in high school education instead. I was only a temporary professed sister then. When I got home, I told her that I was sorry, and that I had enrolled in high school education instead. When she asked me, "Why?" I said, "Mother, I don't know how to sing or dance." I heard from other elementary school teachers that you need to know how to sing and dance. I couldn't do either. So in my mind, I was really hesitant to go into elementary school education.

My first teaching assignment after graduation was at St. Jerome School in Duenas. I was placed in the elementary school rather than in the high school. However, I learned to love it. At the end of the school year I could see the progress the students made and I was so happy to see that they had learned.

My next assignment was at St. Joseph Academy in Bugasong. I asked my principal if she could assign me to "section A," the advanced class, the smarter students. She asked me, "Who will take care of the last section if I assign you to the first?" These students came from the barrios and it was their first year in a private school. It was a struggle to figure out how to help them learn, but I felt fulfilled and happy after. By the end of the school



year you could really see their progress.

Later, when I was told that I would be assigned to Hawaii, I told Mother that I did not know how to teach elementary school and thus did not want to go. She said, "You can always come back if you don't fit." At Rosary Preschool, I had good mentors that I observed. Through them I gained the courage to say, "I can do it." There was one boy for example, that kept running away from me. I tried different ways to gain his trust and get him to like school. Preschoolers, if they don't like you, they run away. They bother others and take others' toys. I learned that you have to be patient in dealing with them.

Whenever I am having a hard time, I try to tell myself inside, "Control yourself. Be patient." Then, in the evening when I am by myself, I make an examination of the day as to how things went, and look at how to handle things better the next day. I also always pray (to our foundress, Mother Rosario Arroyo), "Mother Sayong, if you want me to stay here in Hawaii, you need to help me in this ministry."

I have learned to love the little ones. It is my love and my dedication to my ministry that has kept me going as a preschool teacher for now 22 years.

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Effie  
Caldarola  
FOR THE JOURNEY

## Martyrdom in our time

A little over a year ago, Jesuit Father Frans van der Lugt was assassinated in Syria. His story is inspirational for the sheer faithfulness and integrity of his witness. I keep his picture in my office to remind me of this witness.

Although we don't know for sure who killed him — Syria being the muddled chaos it is — we do know that in a very real sense he died a martyr for Syria and for his faith, and certainly for the stand he took for all that is good and enduring on this earth.

Like most Jesuits, Father van der Lugt was an intellectual, a Dutchman described by a fellow Jesuit as a progressive visionary. He served in Homs, Syria, and was involved in the life of that community, initiating youth programs, engaging in inter-religious dialogue.

He founded a project that included a center for the disabled, a retreat and a winery. He was loved and admired by his Christian and Muslim neighbors.

The fact that masked gunmen would drag him from his home and shoot him is a testimony to the evil of our world.

The siege of Homs was ghastly.

This old Syrian city was caught between rebel fighters and the brutal forces of Bashar Assad, Syria's president, bit by bloody bit, in an effort to retain power.

"Nothing is more painful than watching mothers searching for food for their children in the streets," Father van der Lugt wrote in his blog shortly before his death, neglecting to mention that, like them, he was reduced to eating whatever he found.

When I was growing up, I thought of martyrs as early Christians, people fed to lions who offered Masses in secret. But history shows us that martyrdom is as contemporary as today's headlines.

Martyrdom intrigues us, probably because most of the martyrs we admire could easily have avoided their death, usually with no loss to their prestige. Sometimes martyrdom is as simple as sticking around the place you're called to be.

Father van der Lugt's superiors would have helped him leave Syria long before he joined his neighbors in the abject hunger that they experienced as the siege continued.

But people like Father van der Lugt, or Archbishop Oscar Romero, assassinated in El Salvador, or

Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who stayed in Germany under Adolf Hitler, remind us that often, people are martyred simply for standing their ground.

What does a martyr do? A martyr doesn't choose death, and certainly doesn't want to die. Usually martyrs are people who truly savor life. But a martyr remains faithful. No word describes a martyr better than "integrity." A martyr places his life on the line as a witness to truth.

The martyr's model is Jesus. As we read the Gospels, sometimes we yearn to say to Christ, "Stop! Don't go to Jerusalem now." Surely his disciples tried to dissuade him: Let things calm down, blow over. But he remained true to the path on which his life's work had set him.

Jesus' example of faithfulness to the end is a Christian's inspiration, and that's what gave Father Frans van der Lugt the courage to pick up his cross and do the same.

What do these martyrs teach us? They don't suggest that we make of life a sacrificial downer. They urge us to live our lives to the full but always to remain faithful to the calling God gives us, knowing God will be there with us at the end.



Kathleen T.  
Choi  
IN LITTLE WAYS

## Older workers wanted

**H**ELP WANTED: Our company needs mature men and women right now! The Kingdom of God is a well-established organization with branches located down the street and around the globe. We're always looking for talent, and we're especially interested in seasoned workers.

An equal opportunity employer, KOG appreciates the special gifts an older worker brings to an organization. For example, many considered Abraham past his prime. Our company, however, asked him to pioneer our efforts in Israel. We were impressed by his sacrificial faith and his willingness to relocate in our service. We're proud that many of his descendants still work for the company.

Few corporations hire men in their 80s, but we saw untapped potential in Moses and his older brother Aaron. We have always cared about social justice, and we liked the forthright way Moses spoke up for our mistreated workers in Egypt. Many of those workers joined him, and, after his death, completed his plan to revitalize our Middle Eastern branches.

At one time, there were few opportunities for older women in Jerusalem. We were happy, however, to invite Anna to join another senior, Simeon, in praying for the success of our company's biggest project ever. We also admired the efforts of Nicodemus when many believed our leader's plans had failed. Our chairman always rewards faithfulness.

For more modern examples, consider the present and past head of our branch in Rome. Joseph Ratzinger was 78 when he took over, and Jorge Bergoglio was 77. In this company, you're never too old to be of service. Here are some of our present openings:

We need prayer warriors. Yes, prayer can be tedious, but every worthwhile job has its difficulties. We are especially interested in people willing to pray for our long-term endeavors. Deep seated problems like war, disease, injustice and hunger discourage younger Christians. What's required here is patient, steadfast and faithful prayer, and we find our older workers are best at this.

We need witnesses. You've had a long life. You've undoubtedly had moments when our leader's words inspired or encouraged you. Perhaps you've even seen him in miraculously effective action. We need you to talk about those moments with others when the opportunity arises. All members of our organization are encouraged to spread the good word.

We need counselors. Your experience gives you needed perspective. Many feel hopeless when considering the Islamic State, racial conflict or Ebola. However, you remember when fallout shelters, segregation and polio seemed permanent. You can bring hope and courage to younger workers.

We need your example. You show up at church every Sunday and holy day, even if you need a cane or walker to get to your seat. You pray faithfully, even when it appears your prayers have not been answered. You openly wear a cross or medal and keep a rosary close by. Your home has a crucifix or statue in a place of honor. You are proud to be Catholic. That pride has more influence than you realize.

We need dreamers. Religious vocations may seem far from the minds of our young people. The idea that one of them might become a priest or religious may seem impossible. However, you remember when space flight seemed impossible. You can encourage others to dream big.

Don't see an appealing job in this list? We'll help you tailor a position to your particular talents and energy level. Just indicate your interest, and we'll be in touch. With KOG, age is not a barrier; it's a qualification.

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The Holy Spirit, COO

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Saints

**Pancras**  
died circa 304  
May 12



According to an early legend, the Roman martyr Pancras was a native of Syria or Phrygia (now Turkey) brought to Rome by an uncle after he was orphaned. They converted to Christianity there and were martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Pancras reportedly was only 14, the likely reason for his being a patron saint of children. A strong cult of Pancras developed in Rome and in England from the time of St. Augustine of Canterbury, who dedicated a church to him around 600. Pancras is also mentioned in St. Bede's martyrology and in most medieval English calendars, and the famous north London train station takes its name from an ancient church there dedicated to St. Pancras. © CNS

Ordinary time



"Let's not get that. Every time she gains weight, we all go on a diet."

Scripture search

PAT KASTEN

**Gospel for May 10, 2015**  
*John 15: 9-17*

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle B: Christ reveals a change in the relationship. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FATHER	LOVED	MY LOVE
IF YOU	KEEP	COMPLETE
ANOTHER	NO ONE	LAY DOWN
LIFE	FRIENDS	LONGER
MASTER	DOING	EVERYTHING
HEARD	CHOSE YOU	APPOINTED
TO GO	BEAR FRUIT	MY NAME

NOW FRIENDS

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

# Diversions



## Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

There's something about Mary, quizzicals. The Catholic church acknowledges that well, as it dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Mother. I gladly will pay homage to her, too, in the following quiz. Let's see how well you fare with trivia questions about Our Lady.

1) Saints

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron for which country?

- a) Brazil
- b) Spain
- c) Guam
- d) Mexico

2) Scripture

In which book of the Bible is the following line, often thought to refer to Mary, written: "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head?"

- a) Revelation
- b) Luke

- c) Isaiah
- d) Acts

3) Popes

Which pope wrote the encyclical "Redemptoris Mater," or "Mother of the Redeemer?"

- a) Blessed Paul VI
- b) St. John Paul II
- c) Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- d) Pope Francis

4) Picture



The altar sculptures shown in the photo are found at a Marian shrine in Ireland and depict which 1879 apparition?

- a) Our Lady of La Salette
- b) Our Lady of the Pillar

- c) Our Lady of Knock
- d) Our Lady of Beauraing

5) Music

Which of the following famous classical music composers has written settings for "Stabat Mater," a traditional hymn about the Sorrows of Mary?

- a) Antonin Dvorak
- b) Giuseppe Verdi
- c) Antonio Vivaldi
- d) All of the above

6) Church in Hawaii

True or false: Chaminade University in Honolulu is run by the Society of Mary (Marianist) religious order.

- a) True
- b) False

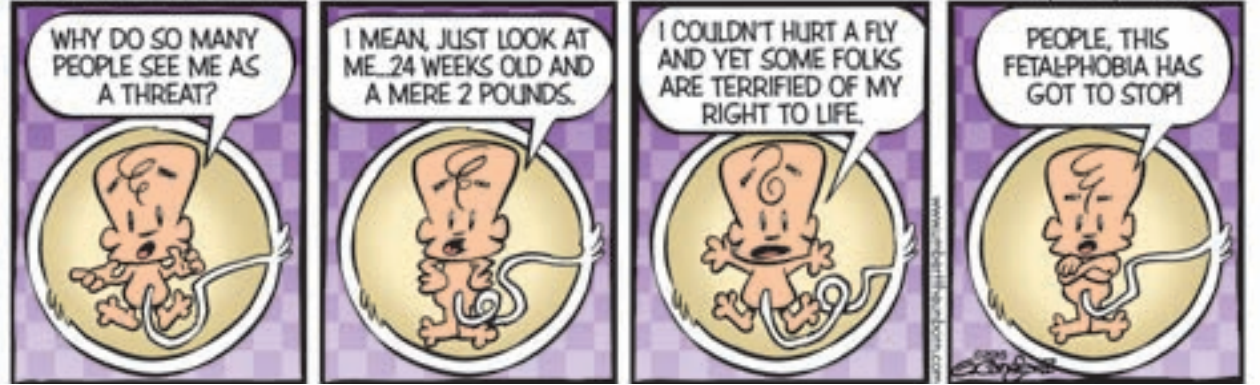
7) Quotes

Which saint and Doctor of the Church said the following quote about the Blessed Mother: "As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary?"

- a) St. Bernard of Clairvaux
- b) St. Anthony of Padua
- c) St. Thomas Aquinas
- d) St. Teresa of Avila

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

Umbert the Unborn



## Catholic crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Commit a deadly sin
- 5 Supreme Being in Islam
- 10 French Christmas
- 14 Suffix with décor
- 15 Representation of thirteenth station of the cross
- 16 Jason's ship
- 17 Type of prayer
- 19 Homeland of the first American-born saint
- 20 Young men's org.
- 21 Trac II successor
- 22 Author of The Models of the Church
- 24 Shaper
- 26 Pardon
- 27 Expensive
- 29 Lauds
- 30 Second century pope
- 31 Landed
- 32 Playthings
- 33 Meeting of bishops
- 35 Dull
- 39 Ruffian
- 40 Wary
- 41 Some are buried
- 44 Objects from everyday life
- 45 Arrange in sequence
- 46 Garlic-flavored

- 47 "Great" teacher of Aquinas
- 48 Discontinued Dodge
- 49 Alphabet string
- 52 Something to cop
- 53 The \_\_\_ of hands in a sacrament
- 56 Constituent
- 57 \_\_\_ Dame
- 58 Catholic actor who played a Hobbit
- 59 Catholic Association of the Performing \_\_\_
- 60 Tenuous substances
- 61 Artist Warhol

Answer to previous puzzle



DOWN

- 1 "Behold the \_\_\_ of God" (Jn 1:36)
- 2 Native Americans
- 3 Lay group established for religious purposes
- 4 Prefix with sect
- 5 Absence of passion
- 6 Volume measure (Brit)
- 7 Princess from Alderaan
- 8 \_\_\_ Z
- 9 "Behold the \_\_\_ of the Lord..." (Angelus)
- 10 Archdiocese in southern Italy
- 11 If not
- 12 Wading birds
- 13 Crummy
- 18 Kind of tot?
- 23 Single entity
- 25 Tops of suits
- 26 Catholic songwriter Guthrie
- 27 Winter clock setting in the Diocese of Reno
- 28 "Winnie the Pooh" young'un
- 29 "\_\_\_ Lingua"
- 33 Closing
- 34 Christmas
- 35 Distribute cards
- 36 Certain classes
- 37 Onassis nickname
- 38 Win \_\_\_ hair
- 39 Former Russian ruler
- 40 Seventh century pope
- 41 A priest wears a Roman one
- 42 Catholic sovereign of Monaco (with II)
- 43 Folds
- 44 Washes lightly
- 45 \_\_\_ magna
- 46 Dean Martin song word
- 48 Chooses
- 50 Monk's cowl
- 51 Annual race, familiarly
- 54 Flightless bird
- 55 Airline of ill-fated Flight 800 (abbr.)



## NEWS

### Bringing faith to the fair

**MILAN** — The Holy See's official pavilion at the Milan Expo 2015, the newest edition of the world's fair held every five years, will be a public space of relaxation and learning.

But for the next six months, the pavilion also will be a place for formal studies, symposiums and academic conversations related to an examination of global food security, hunger and nutrition.

One of 140 countries represented at this year's "Universal Exposition," the Vatican chose for its pavilion the theme "Non di solo pane" (Not by Bread Alone). It is designed in part as a garden-style space promoting agriculture, sharing meals and recognizing God's presence in the world, according to developers.

The theme is a Gospel-infused variation of the overall theme of Milan Expo 2015, which is "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life." Expo Milan 2015 is expected to draw more than 20 million visitors during its run. (Catholic News Service)

### The last shall be first

**VATICAN CITY** — For an upcoming Vatican charity concert, Rome's immigrants, poor, elderly and marginalized will be getting front-row VIP treatment, while benefactors will be seated in the back.

The charity benefit, to be held in the Vatican's Paul VI hall May 14 — the feast of the Ascension — will raise money for the papal Almoner's Office.

Local charitable organizations and parishes will be bringing about 2,000 people to the concert — people without homes, refugees, immigrants and families and youth experiencing difficult situations, organizers said at a Vatican news conference April 30.

Those people will be given "a place of honor" at the front of the audience hall because "in them is Jesus and for him we reserve the front row," said Msgr. Diego Giovanni Ravelli, head of the Almoner's Office. (CNS)

### Holding fast in war zone

**WASHINGTON** — Ties to the land stretching back two millennia keep Syria's Christian population from fleeing en masse, said Melkite Catholic Archbishop Jean-Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo, Syria.

He said people come to him for counsel on whether they should stay or leave in the middle of a protracted civil war among the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad, fighters from Islamic State and a clutch of rebel groups of various leanings.

"This has been our land for 2,000 years," Archbishop Jeanbart said during an April 30 interview with Catholic News Service. Moreover, he added, Christians have lived peaceably with their Muslim neighbors, "although not as much now as before."

Archbishop Jeanbart was in Washington as part of a brief U.S. visit to raise awareness of the plight of Syrian Christians and to raise funds for their relief. (CNS)

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Ariana Rivoire and Isabell Carre star in a scene from the movie "Marie's Story."

CNS photo/Film Movement

## Movie review | Marie's Story

### A story of inspiration and poignancy

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK** — "Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence." So wrote Helen Keller (1880-1968), the deaf-blind activist portrayed in the 1962 movie "The Miracle Worker."

Keller's depth of perception and zestful attitude — despite all obstacles — are shared by "Marie's Story" (Film Movement), a fictionalized profile of Marie Heurtin (1885-1921), often called the "French Helen Keller."

This joyous film stands out

among cinematic offerings with not one but two important messages: a demand to respect human life at all stages, and a positive portrayal of women religious.

Born deaf and blind and wholly unable to connect to the world around her, by the age of 14, Marie — played by deaf actress Ariana Rivoire — is a feral creature, prone to wild outbursts.

With nowhere else to turn, her exasperated parents (Gilles Treton and Laure Duthilleul) bring Marie to the Larnay Institute, where an order of sisters runs a school

for deaf girls.

The mother superior (Bri-gitte Catillon) rejects Marie's application, as the school has never taught a child who is blind as well as deaf. "How would we communicate with her?" she asks.

Marie returns home, but not before making a big impression on one idealistic nun, Sister Marguerite (Isabelle Carre).

"Today I met an imprisoned soul, tiny and quite fragile, that I saw shining brightly through her prison bars," Sister Marguerite writes in her journal. "The girl

is locked in a world of darkness and silence. How can we talk to her?"

With all the spunk of Maria in "The Sound of Music," Sister Marguerite lobbies the mother superior to give Marie a chance.

What ensues is a master class in unconditional love, patience and perseverance, as teacher and student start to break down the walls of isolation. It's a slow and frequently violent process that is at times painful to watch, but that nonetheless makes suitable — and impressive — viewing for teens and adults.

Director Jean-Pierre Am-eris brings a rare sensitivity and poignancy to his inspirational story. The magnificent setting of the French countryside in full bloom, moreover, complements the tale nicely. The profoundly life-affirming results are not to be missed.

In French. Subtitles.

The film contains some potentially disturbing scenes of a frightened child.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.



**Christina  
Capecchi**

TWENTY SOMETHING

## Keeping score and winning big: a '30 Under 30' honoree reflects

On Sunday night the email landed in Mike Foss' inbox: He had been named to Forbes' "30 Under 30," the business magazine's annual list of rising stars younger than 30.

Mike Foss, the soccer player from Springfield, Va., the kid who had been homeschooled through 12th grade. This sent Facebook abuzz: boldfaced evidence that homeschooling actually works.

Once the announcement was made on the first Monday of January, inquiring minds began lobbing questions at Mike's mom, Elizabeth. How did she do it? What curriculum had she used? What colleges did she recommend? What was the exact formula of devotions, multivitamins and Mozart?

"Y'all," she wrote on her blog that Friday, "I have no idea!"

But when pressed, the mother of nine reflected on her news-making firstborn, a 26-year-old Catholic. "Michael learned his most important lessons at the dinner table. All I really did was cook the meal. His daily repartee on Twitter? Totally sounds like banter among my boys. His brothers are as much behind that award as I am," Elizabeth wrote. "Iron sharpens iron."

She credited her husband, a sports broadcaster and mentor, and mused about "the effect of having nursed [Mike] in nearly every college sports venue up and down the East Coast," elaborating: "We hung together. The lot of us. Every day. All the time. That's being educated by his real life."

Mike's first post-college job brought him to USA Today. He was working as a senior social media editor when he began developing a new sports web-

site intended to be an entry point to the paper's main website. During a coffee-fueled period of eight months he hired 10 people, reserved some 20 web domains and got married.

"It was insane," Mike told me. "I don't remember sleeping."

The vision was to create a site with a delicate mix of original sports features and aggregated articles — journalistic standards plus blogging agility — chronicled in a more earnest voice than the average sports story and aimed at a broader audience.

"For The Win" launched on April 22, 2013, and became one of the fastest growing mobile websites in history.

"We won," Mike said, "big time."

He believes his entrepreneurial spirit was fostered by the counter-cultural decision

to homeschool — why do things like everyone else? — and the freedom to customize his education.

He's now a sought-after tech star and, for better or worse, a serious contender in the frenetic pursuit of online popularity. "There's always a score, in terms of performance," he said. "I'm competitive."

That results in long work days perched behind a 30-inch computer monitor with an iPad and iPhone at his side and a flat-screen TV mounted above alternating between CNN and ESPN.

The blinking, linking 24/7 digital world can render the mind a hamster wheel. Mike tries to counteract it by unplugging every evening. He loves comic books and C.S. Lewis, just finished his fifth read of "Mere Christianity."

The twin pillars of his life,

faith and family, keep his ego in check. "I don't get absorbed in any of it. That plays into family unit. You sit around a table at a Foss family dinner and it doesn't matter who you are: We roast each other."

Attending Mass, he said, quiets any pressure to continue on a headline-making career path. "You listen to a homily or look up at the cross and it puts things in perspective. It makes it easier to be present in the faith and to be present in your life."

And if you ask his mom, who became a grandma one year ago when Mike's daughter, Lucy, was born, her son's over-30 work will be even more significant. "He's only just begun to answer God's call in his life."

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## Quote

*"This is the great challenge to which God is calling humanity in the 21st century: To finally stop abusing the garden God has entrusted to us so that all may eat its fruits."*

| Pope Francis, in a live video address May 1 to the opening ceremony of Expo 2015 in Milan. Among other things, the pope urged fair-goers and organizers to show concern for the poor and to undertake concrete efforts to promote solidarity. (CNS)

## PROFILE

## Jason and Diane Jacinto

Youth ministry leaders, St. Joseph Church, Makawao, Maui



**Favorite saints:** St. Michael the Archangel because he is the protector and defender of each of us, and St. Paul because he encountered the love of Christ and was changed in a radical way — always emphasizing the power of God's love and forgiveness.

**Holidays:** Thanksgiving and Christmas — a time to celebrate faith, family, friends, food and football.

**Island:** Maui no ka oi!

**Scripture quotes:** Philippians 4:13 and John 3:16

**Plate lunches:** pork teriyaki and loco moco with lots of gravy along with two scoops rice and mac salad

**Commandment:** "Love one another as I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

**Parable:** "Treasures in the field" (Matthew 13:44)

**Tattoos:** Jason has a tattoo on his right shoulder representing the ocean warriors, Ku and Kanaloa.

## SAINTS UNDER 40

## Bold beyond her years

St. Eulalia of Merida's brief life at the turn of the fourth century has been recorded in fantastic detail — some of it said to be less than reliable.



Regardless, the young virgin martyr has been revered since her death in 304 around

the age of 14 at the hands of Roman forces after she refused to worship other gods.

Eulalia was said to be born into a noble family in Merida, Spain. She was consecrated a virgin and displayed a maturity far beyond her years, which likely is what compelled her to flee from hiding and run to court, where she insulted Roman gods and the emperor. Her challenge to the authorities to martyr her was accepted, and at the moment of her death at the stake a white dove flew out of her mouth. Snow is said to have fallen after her death, covering her body. ([www.catholicireland.net](http://www.catholicireland.net))

## Sacraments take center ring



Father Jerry Hogan, national circus chaplain, celebrates Mass April 14 in the center ring of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Patriot Center in Fairfax, Va.

## The greatest show on earth pauses for a greater show from heaven

By Chaz Muth  
Catholic News Service

**FAIRFAX, Va.** — Brazilian trapeze artist Estefani Evans flies through the air above the center ring, mesmerizing the gasping spectators below.

The 25-year-old performer for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus soared to different heights in that same center ring at the Patriot Center in Fairfax when she received the Catholic sacrament of confirmation in a special Mass held for her, her colleagues and their children.

Because she travels with "The Greatest Show on Earth" throughout the year and performs most weekends, Evans doesn't have a lot of opportunities to go to church and becoming a regular parishioner is not a practical option for her.

Yet, her Catholic faith is as important to her as the act she has fashioned for the circus.

U.S. Catholic officials recognized this quandary circus people struggle with and have made efforts to supply them with spiritual and sacramental nourishment.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops deploy pastoral workers through its Circus and Traveling Shows Ministry to help meet the religious needs of Catholics and people of other faiths who travel with the 50-plus circuses and 300-plus carnivals in the United States.

Women religious traveled with Evans' Ringling Bros. troupe for several months to help some of the performers and their children prepare for the sacraments of baptism, first Communion and confir-

mation.

They received those sacraments during a special April 14 Mass held in the center ring at the Patriot Center.

During that Mass, National Circus Chaplain Father Jerry Hogan, swathed in handmade vestments decorated with the Ringling Bros. logo given to him by the circus workers, talked about the sacredness of celebrating the liturgy in the center ring.

"The center ring for the circus people is really their sacred space, where God gave them the talents to become circus performers," said Father Hogan, who is a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston. "In here we gather together and we thank God for all of their gifts, but we do it in the context of receiving God's special sacraments."

Evans told Catholic News

Service that receiving her confirmation in the center ring merged two dominant passions in her life, her faith and her career.

"There was no better place to do it," said the trapeze artist, who is in the fifth generation of her family of circus performers. "My religion is very special to me, the circus is my life, so both together, it's just perfect."

Roman Garcia, general manager of Ringling Bros., and his circus-performing wife, Fabiola, witnessed the baptism of their 3-year-old son and the confirmation of their 13-year-old son and their 15-year-old daughter.

Garcia expressed his gratitude for the circus ministry meeting the pastoral needs of his family and circus colleagues.

"Obviously it's hard for

us to go to Mass because we don't have a chance to get out of here on Saturday or Sunday, or any day of the week, because we travel every single week," he told CNS. "We are blessed by the fact that we have (a religious sister) who travels with us for a few months out of the year and she is able to arrange, you know, different priests in every single region to come in and give us Mass for 45 minutes to an hour."

The special Mass served the dual purpose of providing pastoral needs and bringing the whole "circus family" together for fellowship, Garcia said.

"We get a chance to, again, have a nice celebration and be united as one," he said.

A related CNS video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/b3uBA8w-WrRg>.



LISA'S CATECHISM CORNER  
Church teaching explained to you

### What does the Holy Spirit do?

**YOUCAT\*:** *The Holy Spirit makes me receptive to God; he teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others. [738-741]*

St. Augustine calls the Holy Spirit "the quiet guest of our soul." Pope Benedict XVI explained that the Holy Spirit is "God eternally giving himself."

Keeping this in mind ...  
... The Holy Spirit comforts us in times of hardship, fear, loneliness, anxiety and stress.

... The Holy Spirit guides us in times of need, exhaustion and discernment and when the words just won't come out right.

... The Holy Spirit empowers us in times of thanksgiving, joy and celebration.

\*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

### Love for a friend

Happy Easter! Today's Gospel reading from St. John picks up in the middle of the "Last Supper Discourses," where Jesus gives a clear, simple definition of the greatest love as sacrifice. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend" (John 15:13).

In the following two verses, Jesus lets the Apostles know that they are no longer slaves but friends because he has shared everything he's heard from his Father.

In the Old Testament, Moses, Joshua and David were referred to as slaves or servants of Yahweh. Only Abraham was called a "friend of God." But in the Gospel reading, Jesus calls the Apostles "friends" because he revealed his Father's plan to them. It's the knowledge of the plan of salvation that brings us into friendship with God, and it's living out that greatest love, that friendship, that secures our salvation.

Abraham was willing to lay down his life, the life of his son, to do God's will. The apostles laid down their own lives for the name of Christ. So here's today's tip. Instead of reflecting on whom you loved, try asking yourself this: "For whom did I sacrifice today?"

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