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## 'We thank God this day for our jubilarians'

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Bishop Larry Silva celebrated a special May 3 Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa to honor jubilarians celebrating milestone anniversaries in priestly and religious life. Shown clockwise from top left: Marianist Brother Thomas Payne and Christian Brother Liam Nolan, Sacred Hearts Sister Grace Marie Tom, Holy Family Sister Carol Reichert, Dominican Sister Benedicta Sanchez, Capuchin Franciscan Father Gordon Combs, Dominican Sisters Priscilla Enarsao, Bernarda Sindol and Teresita Constantino, and Sacred Hearts Sister Mary Dolorine Pires. In the center, wearing a lei, is Benedictine Father David Barfknecht.

HCH photos | Darlene Dela Cruz





# Bishop praises jubilarians 'amazing work over the years'

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Dozens of well-wishers gathered at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa May 3 to honor 19 jubilarians who are celebrating 70, 60, 50 and 25 years of service in religious and priestly life this year.

The co-cathedral was festively decked with colorful springtime flowers, and a spirit of gratitude flowed throughout the congregation as Bishop Larry Silva celebrated the mid-morning liturgy.

In his homily, the bishop honored the jubilarians with a reference to the day's Gospel. The Scripture reading recalled Jesus' words to the apostle Philip, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these."

Bishop Silva said the jubilarians, in their various ministries, have certainly done "amazing work over the years." Their dedication to serving others exemplifies Jesus' call in the Gospel.



Gift boxes contain etched glass plaques that Bishop Larry Silva distributed to those celebrating anniversaries.

"Jesus healed the sick, he drove out demons ... he even raised the dead," the bishop said. "Our brothers and sisters, because they are one with Jesus,

because they have dedicated themselves to being part of his body, to being active parts in that body," they too have helped to heal others and lift up spirits

deaden by despair.

"We thank God this day for our jubilarians and all that they have done and all that they have given as believers," he added.

## Official notices

### Bishop's calendar

- Bishop's Schedule [Events indicated will be attended by Bishop's delegate]
- May 10, 9:00 am, Mass for the Feast of St. Damien, Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu; 10:00 am, Procession from Cathedral, Rally and Prayer Service for the Feast of St. Damien, Hawaii State Capitol, downtown Honolulu; 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Waipio Gentry; 6:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. George Parish, Waimanalo. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- May 11, 9:00 am, Confirmation Mass, Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish, Manoa; 10:30 am, Confirmation Mass, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi. [Fr. Gary Secor]; 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Im-

maculate Conception Parish, Ewa.

- May 12, 7:00 pm, Commencement Exercises for Chaminade University of Honolulu, Blaisdell Arena, Honolulu.
- May 13, 9:30 am, Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council, Chancery, downtown Honolulu.
- May 14, 12:00 pm, Hawaii Pastors Roundtable Full Board Meeting, First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu at Ko'olau, Kaneohe; 6:30 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Ann Parish, Waihe'e. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- May 15, 6:30 pm, Confirmation Mass, Christ the King Parish, Kahu-lui. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- May 16, 7:45 am, Bagels with Bishop, Maryknoll High School, Makiki; 5:30 pm, Confirmation Mass, Kula Catholic Community at Holy Ghost Mission, Waiakoa. [Fr.

Gary Secor]; 5:30 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Waipahu.

- May 17, 10:00 am, Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Makawao. [Fr. Gary Secor]; 11:30 am, Mass for Institution of Acolytes for Deacon Candidates of Class 7, St. Stephen Diocesan Center (SSDC), Kaneohe; 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Anthony Parish, Wailuku. [Fr. Gary Secor]; 6:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Parish, Kaimuki.
- May 18, 11:00 am, Confirmation Mass, Maria Lanakila Parish, Lahaina. [Fr. Gary Secor]; 11:00 am, Confirmation Mass, St. John Vianney Parish, Kailua; 5:30 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Theresa Parish, Kihei. [Fr. Gary Secor]; 6:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Ala Moana.
- May 20, 9:00 am, Diocesan Finance Council, Chancery; 12:00

pm, Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation Board, Chancery; 7:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Wahiawa.

- May 21, 10:00 am, Day of Recollection for Priests with Archbishop George Niederauer, SSDC; 6:00 pm, Ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Ajit Baliar Singh, SS.CC., on the 150th anniversary of St. Damien's ordination, Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu.
- May 22, 10:00 am, Diocesan Department Heads, SSDC.

### Announcement

- The priesthood ordination of Deacon Ajit Baliar Singh, SS.CC. will be live-streamed on the internet and can be viewed on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Hawaii Catholic TV: [www.hictv.com](http://www.hictv.com).

## Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST



50 years ago — May 8, 1964

Left, an editorial cartoon honoring the May devotion to the Blessed Mother.

25 years ago — May 12, 1989

**Life and death are 'larger than politics'**

"Why me?" said Father Edgar Saguinsin. "Because it's your day off," Sister Grace Dorothy Lim said matter-of-factly.

The Marcos family had requested a priest to help conduct a novena on the evening of May 4 for Josepha Marcos, the mother of Ferdinand Marcos, who died last year in the Philippines.

Father Saguinsin had good reason to question Sister Grace Dorothy's asking him to do the job. After all, the former union-organizer priest left the Philippines and ended up in Hawaii because of death threats from elements of the previous Marcos dictatorship. ...

"Go and show them you have no hatred," (Sister Grace) told him ...

"Which is right," Father Saguinsin said afterwards. "This is something larger than politics. Life and death should be above politics."

10 years ago — May 7, 2004

**Pen, prayer and package pals**

"525,600 minutes – how do you measure a year in a life?" So goes one of the lines in a song from the musical "Rent" that Cathedral School students sang at a school assembly on April 21.

Their song was directed to 18 men on folding chairs in the front row – their new pen pals from a 25-soldier platoon in the 25th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army that will spend the next year in Afghanistan.

For the next year, students from kindergarten through eighth grade in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace's parish school on Nuuanu Avenue in Honolulu will send care packages, letters and prayers to the soldiers.

The project is the idea of Lieut. Michael Baskin who thought it would benefit the members of his platoon to correspond with students in Hawaii during their yearlong deployment.

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# One diocese, one payroll system

*The Catholic Church in Hawaii is centralizing its paycheck and benefits process for all its employees across the state*

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

A new centralized payroll system is in the works for the Diocese of Honolulu. By August, the diocesan human resources office will be processing paychecks for more than 1,000 church employees in parishes, schools and offices across the state.

The human resources department currently handles payroll for only about 250 people. This includes paychecks and benefits administration for diocesan staff (in offices like the diocese's financial department, Office for Social Ministry and the Hawaii Catholic Herald) and employees of 37 parishes, said HR director Dara Perreira.

The Islands' 29 other parishes and its 30-plus parish schools are in the process of moving their payroll responsibilities over to the diocesan human resources team.

"Payroll is a necessary process of any employer," Perreira said. "Our business managers and the staff at our locations (parishes and schools) often find they have a lot of things to do. This is a way to remove something from their plate so that they can work on things that matter most."

## Better support for employees

The diocese has long considered centralizing its payroll processing, Perreira noted. There are myriad calculations, as well as ever-changing federal and state laws, to monitor when handling employee paychecks. The human resources office can now provide their expertise in these areas to assist parishes and schools.

Under the centralized payroll system, pastors and principals will still be able to set pay scales, holidays, vacation guidelines and operating rules for their employees. Parishes and schools will also continue to be responsible for ensuring that their employees' salaries are financed by their institution's budget.

The diocesan HR office will now simply be the hub through which all timesheets are submitted, paychecks distributed, employee data updated and inquiries about benefits answered.

"We want to support our employees," Perreira said. "The employees make the ministries, they are the ones that are in there day in and day out. We want to support them as best as we can with the best services, the best human resources department that we can offer them."

The human resources office will be migrating payroll data from parishes and schools in several phases. From May through August, a handful of locations will transition into the diocese's payroll system at the start of each month. Perreira emailed a timeline to school and parish employees March 31 listing when each institution will make the change.

Perreira and human resources generalist Lisa Sakuma have been working with staff at Ceridian, the diocese's payroll processing company, on the centralization project. The jump from the diocese's current payroll load of 250 employees to more than 1,000 will mark an increase of at least 75 percent.

The human resources department is looking to hire a payroll/benefits coordinator to help with

its expanded needs. Perreira said that will be the only full-time position added to the diocesan HR office as a result of the initiative thus far.

## Payday every two weeks

One of the biggest challenges with centralizing payroll will be adjusting all employees to the diocese's bi-weekly pay schedule with a "pay lag" — the allowance of a few days between the pay period and paycheck.

Parishes and schools not already under the diocesan payroll system have been managing pay frequencies at their own discretion. This inconsistency has not been a problem, Perreira said, but the bi-weekly pay schedule used by the diocese (rather than monthly or twice a month) is widely considered to be a "best practice."

The bi-weekly system with a pay lag ensures that all hours worked are accurately accounted for. Without a pay lag, payroll managers have to forecast the hours an employee will work between the day paychecks are calculated and the day they are disbursed.

This can sometimes leave an employer continually adjusting paychecks hours that did not meet their forecasts. It can become an efficiency issue down the line, Perreira said. Implementing a pay lag, she explained, "captures all the hours that are worked, and then you pay it one time."

"It's not easy," Perreira said of standardizing the payroll frequency. "The most difficult part of this is you have all of these different groups doing different things at different times."

"To standardize that is challenging because in most corporations that Ceridian has worked with, they don't have all those differences," she added.

Switching everyone to a bi-weekly pay schedule will not alter anyone's overall pay, but "if you're moving from 24 pay periods to 26" a year, Perreira said, "paychecks look a little different."

She advises parish and school employees to plan ahead for their finances, particularly during the month their respective locations will be transitioned into the diocesan payroll.

"There is a little bit of pain in the beginning because of change, but once you get into the swing of things, there are some very positives about having" a bi-weekly system, Perreira said.

Employees will still have the option for direct deposit of their paychecks.

The diocesan human resources department can be reached at 585-3337 to answer any questions employees have about their paychecks during the payroll transition.

## Advantages of centralization

Perreira said centralizing payroll paves the way for other services the HR office can provide in the future.

Having data on wages, medical and retirement plans, and other employee information under one umbrella allows the human resources department to procure quick and accurate censuses. This is important in meeting state employment reporting requirements, and in adding new benefit plans for staff.

The HR department can also

use the data to provide advice on proper pay scales, job descriptions and other inquiries. Perreira said many pastors and principals have sought the office's help on such matters. Understanding comparable salaries and staff positions has so far been difficult without an overall scope of employment in the diocese.

A centralized payroll system will coincide as well with the launch of a new online hiring initiative. According to Perreira, the diocesan website ([www.catholic-hawaii.org](http://www.catholic-hawaii.org)) on July 1 aims to include a special module listing all the jobs available in local parishes, schools and diocesan departments.

This will provide a hub allowing Hawaii's Catholic institutions "to share in applicants" for various positions.

In 2015, the HR office will begin handling administration of all employee benefits. With that, enrolling in and updating benefit plans will be much more efficient and timely.

Perreira said the process of implementing these changes has been daunting, but it has been pivotal in establishing a good connection between the diocese's human resources department and local church staff.

She noted that the support of parish and school leaders, particularly those who shared advice in a payroll/benefits steering committee, has been key in allowing the diocese to move forward in best employment practices.

"It's been a very good partnership," Perreira said. "Because of those positive partnerships, we're able to do something like this now."



Office of Social Ministry  
TALK STORY

# Nutrition education for everyone

Aloha,

On Holy Thursday, we celebrated Jesus instituting the Eucharist at the Last Supper. At that special liturgy, the “washing of the feet” reminded us that the Eucharist is founded and grounded in service. Jesus gathers us as one ohana to be fed by his body and blood so we can then go out and be bread broken, and wine poured out, with and for others in need.

One week later, on April 24, folks gathered at St. Jude Church in Kapolei to serve and be served at the parish’s weekly food pantry distribution. Pantry coordinator Aunty Carolyn and her team of volunteers were joined by Kami Nishimura and Sharon Fujishige of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii who presented their Nutrition Education for Wellness program.

Kami and Sharon’s participation is part of a diocese-wide effort to help parish food pantries provide nutritious sustainable food.

Kami and Sharon arrived early to learn about the pantry’s operations. While the food was distributed, they met and provided nutrition advice to more than 50 pantry visitors who represented almost 100 family members. Their lessons on eating a balanced diet were from “My Plate Guidelines” by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Everybody was engaged and interested.

The Nutrition Education for Wellness program has plenty of ways to share information that is meaningful and easy to understand. Kami and Sharon are eager to help parish food pantries and ministries. We hope our parishes will contact our partners at the Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (email [bcostigan@haced.org](mailto:bcostigan@haced.org)) to have the Nutrition Education for Wellness program help them witness to Jesus through nutritious food ministries.

Mahalo,

Your friends at the Office for Social Ministry



Photo courtesy of Office for Deacon Formation

The deacon class on April 13 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center after receiving academic certificates of completion from Chaminade University. Also in the photo are members of the deacon formation team and Chaminade professors.

# Rite of acolyte last major step before ordination for 13 deacon candidates

By Patrick Downes  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Thirteen men studying for the permanent diaconate will receive the rite of acolyte, the last major step before ordination, May 17 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center Chapel in Kaneohe. Bishop Larry Silva will confer the ministry.

An acolyte’s duty is to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, the Mass in particular.

The deacon candidates are Joseph P. Aglia, Jose R. Almuena, Jr., Jose L. Ancheta, Keith A. Cabiles, William R. Friese, Romeo E. Ganibe, David E. Kane, Eric W. Kim, Stephen A. Kula, Raul A. Perez, Joseph T. Soon, John R. Tolentino and Michael E. Weaver.

They comprise the diocese’s seventh class of permanent deacons. Their ordinations are scheduled for January on three islands.

The men, plus three of the wives, completed in February their academic requirements, the equivalent of a minimum of 66 credits in theology, philosophy,

Scripture, ecclesiology, canon law and homiletics taught by Chaminade University professors. They received certificates of completion on April 13.

Four of the candidates, Ancheta, Friese, Perez and Weaver, and two candidate wives, Easter Almuena and Cecilia Weaver, took additional courses to earn a master’s of pastoral theology. They will participate in Chaminade’s May 12 commencement exercises.

Kane, a Kauai resident, will be ordained Jan. 17 at Immaculate Conception Church in Lihue. Big Island candidate Aglia will be ordained Jan 24 at St. Joseph Church in Hilo. The rest, all from Oahu, will be ordained on Jan. 31 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa in Honolulu.

This class began formation for the diaconate with an aspirancy year starting on Jan. 8, 2010. They officially became candidates for permanent diaconate through a Rite of Candidacy on Jan. 16, 2011.

The candidates received the


ministry of reader, or lector, last Dec. 15.

The men and their wives have been meeting one weekend a month since 2010 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center for classes and formation. The remainder of the year will be spent learning the more practical aspects of the ministry, plus marriage and family issues.

The diaconate is one of the church’s three holy orders, the others being priest and bishop. Seminarians are also ordained deacons as a step to priestly ordination. Their diaconate is often described as “transitional” to distinguish it from the “permanent” diaconate, which is open to married men and does not lead to priesthood.

Deacons may read the Gospel, preach and assist the celebrant priest at liturgical events. They also witness church weddings and preside at baptisms and funerals among other duties.

Hawaii’s first class of permanent deacons was ordained in 1981.




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# Ordination in cathedral to mark 150th anniversary of St. Damien's

By Patrick Downes  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Bishop Larry Silva will ordain a member of St. Damien's religious order to the priesthood on the 150th anniversary of the saint's own ordination, in the same spot the Belgian missionary was ordained.

The bishop will ordain Sacred Hearts brother Ajit Baliar Singh during a 6 p.m. Mass May 21 in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu.

A day of recollection for priests at St. Stephen Diocesan Center, led by the retired Archbishop of San Francisco George H. Niederauer, will precede the ordination.

Singh, 35, is a member of the India region of the U.S. Province of the Congregation of the Sacred



Ajit Baliar Singh

Hearts. He was born in Tamangi Village in the district of Kandhamal, in the state of Orissa, India, one of eight children of Benedict Baliar Singh and the late Sisily Baliar Singh. He entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in 2001.

After completing his bachelor of arts and philosophy studies, he spent a pre-novitiate year in Kolkata and his novitiate year, 2009-2010, in the Philippines.

Singh made his first profession as a Sacred Hearts brother on May 8, 2010, in Manila. He returned to India to study theology

at Morning Star College, Kolkata, completing his courses in November 2013.

He made his final vows this year on Jan. 11 and was ordained a deacon the following day by Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Kolkata in Immaculate Conception Church in Serampore in West Bengal, just north of Kolkata.

According to Father Johnathan Hurrell, superior of the Sacred Hearts Congregation's U.S. province, the idea to honor the 150th anniversary of St. Damien's ordination with another ordination came from Bishop Larry Silva.

Father Hurrell initially told the bishop there was a candidate in India, but that "it was not really feasible for us to send him here."

"However," Father Hurrell said, "it came to light that, in his



Plaque on the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace identifying it as the place of St. Damien's ordination.

village, for political and religious reasons, it was too dangerous for him to be ordained there."

So after further discussion, the ordination was arranged. Singh will be traveling to Hawaii on a tourist visa.

After his ordination, Father Singh will be assigned back in India at the Damien Social Institute in Bhubaneswar, in the state of Orissa where Sacred Hearts brothers and sisters serve the

poor in the villages and tribal areas though a clinic, schools and other social work.

St. Damien was a seminarian when he arrived in Honolulu on March 19, 1864. He had been allowed to volunteer for the Hawaii missionary assignment, even though he was not yet a priest, to take the place of his brother Sacred Hearts Father Pamphile de Veuster who had been too ill to make the journey.

Damien finished his seminary studies in the Islands. He was ordained a deacon about a month after his arrival in Hawaii and ordained a priest a month after that on May 21, 1864, in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace.

The ordination will be live-streamed on the Internet at [www.hictv.com](http://www.hictv.com).

## Damien Inspireert\* 150 YEARS

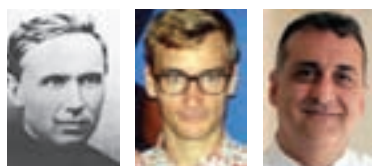
### Tonga: a new mission

By Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP  
Hawaii Catholic Herald

"Ouch!" exclaimed St. Damien de Veuster. Was it a poke from the thorny kiawe grown thick or from a mosquito thinking this foreign blood was a perfect Belgian beer? St. Damien had to get used to the flora and fauna of his adopted country. Coming from the cooler farmlands of Tremolo, he learned to cope with the high humidity and the salty sea spray that added

a heaviness to his woolen habit. However, through all the challenges, he was sustained: "I find my consolation in my only companion who does not abandon me: our divine Savior in the Eucharist."

For St. Damien, the work of prayer was never separated from the work of his hands. Inside the churches he built, he celebrated not only Mass and the sacraments, but a devotion close to his heart. "We have established the perpet-



St. Damien de Veuster, Micah Hicks, Sacred Hearts Father Paul Zaccone

ual adoration in the two churches of the leprosarium," he wrote. St. Damien was making real the Kingdom of God at Kalawao.

Move from the Kingdom of Belgium and the Kingdom of Hawaii to the Kingdom of Tonga. In 2013, Sacred Hearts missionary Father Paul Zaccone, a Nebraska native, was assigned as a teacher at Apifo'ou College, a Tongan co-

ed school of 1,500 Polynesian students.

Of his experience Father Zaccone wrote: "Yes, perhaps it is hot, and yes, the humidity is enough, along with the ants and mosquitos, to consider myself as the Sacred Hearts Congregation's first Tongan martyr, but when you are doing God's work, he always provides!"

Micah Hicks, born in Guam and raised on Oahu, is a Sacred Hearts lay missionary in Tonga. He shared stories of "how during our track and field day our students would share a pair of shoes and socks among four people! One shoe a piece for two students, one sock a piece for two others."

Speaking of sharing: "In the rain, students walk six or seven to an umbrella, and if I am carrying mine I have a flock of them pressed against me," he said. "Yet in this poverty, in these circumstances we would find impossible, they find room for charity."

The secret to life in the missions? According to Father Zaccone, "It is the power of prayer that helps us to transcend souls, and the intercession of the Sacred Hearts and St. Damien of Molo-kai."

\*Dutch for "inspires," a slogan used in Belgium for the canonization of Father Damien.

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Sister M. Laurenza Fernandez' 67 years as a Sister of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities took her from the small Maui plantation town of Puukolii, near



Sister M. Laurenza Fernandez

Lahaina, to assignments across Hawaii and to New York, California and Rome. She died April 28 at St. Francis Convent, Honolulu. She was 90.

Her wake service is 3:30-4:45 p.m., May 12, at St. Pius X Church, 2821 Lowrey Avenue in Manoa. The eulogy is scheduled for 4:45 p.m. and the funeral Mass at 5 p.m. Dinner will follow in the parish hall. Viewing will continue until 7 p.m.

The next day, Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated at 8 a.m. at St. Francis Convent, 2715 Pamoia Road, Manoa, followed by burial at 9 a.m. at Diamond Head Memorial Park.

Sister Laurenza was born Nan-

cy Thomasa in Puukolii, one of nine children of Philippine immigrants Pio Fernandez and Laurenza Angot. After graduating from St. Francis Convent School in Honolulu, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, N.Y., on Jan. 14, 1947.

She received the name of Sister M. Laurenza when she was invested in the Franciscan habit on Aug. 16, 1947. She made her final vows on Aug. 18, 1952.

Sister Laurenza received her diploma as a registered nurse from St. Francis School of Nursing in Honolulu, a bachelor of science degree in education from Chaminade College of Honolulu, and a master's of science in reading from the University of Scranton, Pa.

Her ministries were primarily education and nursing.

In New York state, she taught at Our Lady Help of Christians School in Albany, Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Endicott and St. Peter School in Utica. In Hawaii she taught at St. Joseph School in Hilo; Sacred Heart School in Lahaina; and St. Francis School in Honolulu.

She also taught at St. Anthony

School in Lorain, Ohio, and St. Anthony School in Long Beach, Calif.

Sister Laurenza served as a nurse on Oahu at St. Francis Hospital, the Special Education Center and St. Francis Convent; at Immaculate Conception Parish in Lihue, Kauai; and at St. Anthony Convent, Syracuse.

She was also missioned at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Skaneateles, N.Y., and the Sisters' Pensione in Rome, Italy.

Sister Laurenza was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Edward and Benedicto Fernandez, and her sister Sophia Childs. She is survived by her sisters Rosaline (Edward) Deponte, Pacita (Jake) Manegdeg, Leonora Lizama, Betty (William) Blidy and Cresencia (Paul) Poepoe; by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; and by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Retirement Fund of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, St. Francis Convent, 2715 Pamoia Road, Honolulu HI 96822-1885.



**Annual seminary donation**

Evelyn Cabral district deputy of the Young Ladies Institute, Ana Malia and Kailua, presents this year's seminary burse donation of \$3,650 to Bishop Larry Silva, plus \$1,500 more from the Young Ladies Grand Institute Miller foundation. The presentation was made March 23 at a brunch following Mass celebrated by the bishop at St. Anthony Parish, Kailua.

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## Two Hawaii-based Marianists celebrating anniversaries of vows

A Marianist brother and a Marianist priest, both who reside in Hawaii, are celebrating milestone jubilees this year.

Marianist Father Joseph L. Priestley, who resides in retirement at Marianist Hall on the Chaminade University of Honolulu campus, is marking his 70th year of profession.

The first association with the Marianists of the Honolulu native began in grade school in 1933 at the Old Saint Louis College on Nuuanu Stream in Honolulu.

The young student followed the Marianists in 1939 to their present Saint Louis location in Kaimuki. During World War II, he



Marianist Father Joseph Priestley Marianist Brother Thomas Payne

lived and worked on the campus which had been transformed into an army hospital.

In 1943 he entered the Marianist novitiate in New York. He made his first profession on

Aug. 20, 1944. After a few more years of study he was assigned to teach in Cleveland, and then in Hilo and Saint Louis in Honolulu where he directed the famous Saint Louis College Band.

Father Priestley's years as a Marianist took him to assignments in Switzerland, San Francisco, Wailuku, Yokohama, Santa Cruz and Cupertino, among other places. He was an itinerant preacher from 1970 to 1981, speaking across the country.

He served as pastor of St. Anne Church in Waihee, Maui, from 1986 to 1995 and has lived in Marianist Hall since 1996.

Marianist Brother Thomas Payne, Chaminade University's

environmental safety officer, is celebrating his 50th anniversary of religious life this year.

Brother Payne hails from Cleveland, Ohio, where he came to know the Marianists while attending St. Joseph High School on the banks of Lake Erie.

He joined the Marianists in 1964 and earned a bachelors of mechanical engineering technology from the University of Dayton and a master of arts in religion/lay ministry from Atheneum of Ohio.

Over the years Brother Payne served in a variety of jobs, from plant and property management to chaplain for several juvenile detention facilities and for the

Cincinnati police department. In the 1980s he was director of prison ministry for the Diocese of Memphis.

For 15 years the Marianist brother was facilities director for Mount St. John and service manager for the Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton, Ohio. He also spent four years in East Africa as treasurer for the Marianist missions in Kenya.

Brother Payne was recently assigned to the provincial administration of the Marianist Province of the U.S. where he managed the property capital renewal and replacement budgets, and coordinated the property and vehicle liability insurance.

## Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Marian Muehlbauer, marking 60th jubilee year of religious life

Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Marian Muehlbauer, who served 32 years in Hawaii, is celebrating her 60th anniversary in religious life this year at the St. Joseph Provincial House in St. Louis, Mo.



Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Marian Muehlbauer

Born in Green Bay, Wis., and baptized Janet Theresa, Sister Marian entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1953 and was received into the novitiate in 1954. She has served 50 years

in education beginning as a primary grade school teacher in Missouri and Georgia. In 1967 she was assigned to Honolulu, teaching first at Holy Trinity School and then at St. Theresa School. From 1970 to 1982, Sister Marian taught at St. Joseph School in Waipahu. Then, after two more years at St. Theresa, she returned to the mainland in 1984.

She received a bachelor's degree in history from the Fontbonne College in 1963 and a

master's degree in elementary education from the University of Hawaii in 1970.

Sister Marian taught for nearly 10 years in Kansas City, Mo., before returning to Honolulu to teach 15 more years at St. Theresa. While in Hawaii, she also taught religion classes to the public school children, coached students for the speech competitions, and organized the speech club at St. Theresa School. With the help of lay teachers, she led the students in monthly meetings to implement the National Catholic Education Association's Vision and Value program.

A highlight of her time in Hawaii was a visit to Kalaupapa, Molokai, where St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope ministered to Hansen's disease patients.

Since her return to St. Louis in 2008, Sister Marian has served her Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet community as a hospitality associate for the St. Joseph Provincial House and as a volunteer at the Carondelet Literacy Center.

Sister Marian is an avid Packers fan and looks forward to next season when Aaron Rodgers will be completely healed and ready for the challenge of the NFL.

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# Chaminade names winners of nonprofit entrepreneur contest

Ho'oulu Pacific took first place in the Chaminade University Hogan Entrepreneurs/American Savings Bank Non-Profit Business Plan Competition for its Waimanalo Aquaponics Project, April 23.

More than \$30,000 in prizes was awarded to eight winners of the competition. This was the sixth competition held at Chaminade University. The winners, their projects and their prizes are:

- First place, \$12,000: Ho'oulu Pacific: Waimanalo Aquaponics Project
- Second place, \$8,000: Big Island Substance Abuse Council: Food Truck Training Initiative
- Third place, \$4,000: Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island: Revolutionary Youth Market
- Fourth place, \$2,000: Blue Planet Foundation: WEfficiency
- Four finalists, each winning \$1,000 are:
  - The Food Basket, Inc.: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
  - Imua Family Services: Inclusion Preschool
  - Pacific Gateway Center: Culinary Business Incubator
  - Health and Research Center: Non-Resident Pilot

Chaminade's Hogan Entrepreneurs combined the awards event with its 12th annual graduation and induction of students at Mystical Rose Oratory. This program encourages students to use their entrepreneurial passion and academic achievements to

contribute to their communities.

Featured speakers included Richard Wacker, president & CEO of American Savings Bank, Ed Hogan, chair and CEO of The Hogan Family Foundation, and David Cohen, former president of Common Cause and renowned public interest lobbyist. Cohen also received the program's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Students receiving Hogan Awards were:

- Outstanding Hogan Entrepreneur: Alexandra Copney, senior history/political science major from Honolulu
- Outstanding Senior: Bernardo Equila III, accounting major from Honolulu;
- Outstanding Juniors: Peter Cheng, accounting major from Honolulu; Rebekah Schlessman, international business-trade major, from Portland, Ore.

Receiving Aloha Awards were:

- Melyn Yamaguchi, senior in accounting, from Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia;
- Fabian Lewis, MBA, from San Antonio, Texas;
- Jon Ilaio, junior business administration major, from Barrigada, Guam;
- Kaelani Demapan, junior in psychology, from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

Open to all majors, undergraduates and graduate students, Chaminade's Hogan Entrepreneurs program recognizes new entrepreneurial ideas from students that will contribute to the well-being of society.



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## New instrument introduced

Sacred Hearts Fathers Edward Popish, left, and Lane Akiona stand at the microphone in St. Augustine Church in Waikiki as musician Timothy Cubero Jr. plays on the church's new Rodgers 599 Three-Manual Drawknob Organ on April 27. The occasion was the first in a series of concerts featuring the new instrument, which was custom-installed in March to the unique acoustics of St. Augustine's high-ceilinged interior. The organ has 92 pipe organ voices and 32 orchestral voices. Cubero played works by Samuel Barber, J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck and Tomaso Albinoni which showcased the instrument's power and musical color.

# Bishop Silva presiding at 26 of 45 post-Easter confirmation ceremonies

The diocese scheduled 45 confirmation ceremonies after Easter, the traditional period for administration of the sacrament, from the end of April through the end of July.

Bishop Larry Silva will preside at 26 of the liturgies and vicar general Father Gary Secor will celebrate the remaining 19.

The rites will take place on all six major islands.

Here is the schedule, courtesy of the diocesan Office of Worship.

- April 27:** 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace (Bishop Silva)
- April 27:** 6 p.m., Saint John Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani (Bishop Silva)
- April 30:** 7 p.m., St. Jude, Makakilo (Bishop Silva)
- May 1:** 6 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City (Bishop Silva)
- May 3:** 6 p.m., St. Ann, Kaneohe (Bishop Silva)
- May 4:** 10 a.m., Star of the Sea, Waialae-Kahala (Father Secor)
- May 4:** 10 a.m., St. Michael, Waialua (Bishop Silva)
- May 4:** 5 p.m., Sacred Heart, Punahou (Bishop Silva)
- May 4:** 5 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Aiea (Father Secor)
- May 10:** 5 p.m., Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio (Bishop Silva)

- May 10:** 6 p.m., St. George, Waimanalo (Father Secor)
- May 11:** 9 a.m., Newman Center, UH (Bishop Silva)
- May 11:** 10:30 a.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa (Father Secor)
- May 11:** 5 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Ewa (Bishop Silva)
- May 14:** 6:30 p.m., St. Ann, Waihee (Father Secor)
- May 15:** 6:30 p.m., Christ the King, Kahului (Father Secor)
- May 16:** 5:30 p.m., Kula Catholic Community (Father Secor)
- May 16:** 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph, Waipahu (Bishop Silva)
- May 17:** 10 a.m., St. Joseph, Makawao (Father Secor)
- May 17:** 5 p.m., St. Anthony, Wailuku (Father Secor)
- May 17:** 6 p.m., St. Patrick, Kaimuki (Bishop Silva)
- May 18:** 11 a.m., Maria Lanakila, Lahaina (Father Secor)
- May 18:** 11 a.m., St. John Vianney, Kailua (Bishop Silva)
- May 18:** 5:30 p.m., St. Theresa, Kihei (Father Secor)
- May 18:** 6 p.m., Sts. Peter and Paul, Honolulu (Bishop Silva)
- May 20:** 7 p.m., Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa (Bishop Silva)
- May 24:** 1 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Lihue (Bishop Silva)
- May 24:** 5 p.m., St. Raphael, Koloa

- (Bishop Silva)
- May 25:** 9:45 a.m., Holy Cross, Kalaheo (Bishop Silva)
- May 25:** 10 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waikane (Father Secor)
- May 25:** 5 p.m., St. Catherine, Kapaa (Bishop Silva)
- May 31:** 10:30 a.m., St. Benedict, Honaunau (Bishop Silva)
- May 31:** 10 a.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ewa Beach (Father Secor)
- May 31:** 6 p.m., St. Anthony, Kalihi (Father Secor)
- June 1:** 11 a.m., Holy Trinity, Kuliouou (Father Secor)
- June 1:** 12 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Kalihi (Bishop Silva) Hispanic
- June 1:** 5 p.m., Sacred Heart, Waianae (Bishop Silva)
- June 7:** 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Kalihi (Bishop Silva)
- June 7:** 5 p.m., Holy Family, Honolulu (Father Secor)
- June 8:** 2 p.m., Holy Rosary, Kalaea (Father Secor)
- June 8:** 6 p.m., St. Anthony, Kailua (Bishop Silva)
- June 8:** 6 p.m., St. Joseph, Hilo (Father Secor)
- June 29:** 10a.m., Sacred Hearts, Lanai (Father Secor)
- July 13:** 9 a.m., St. Damien, Molokai (Bishop Silva)
- July 27:** noon, Christ the King, Kahului (Bishop Silva) Hispanic



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## Free laulau a tradition at annual Holy Ghost Feast in Kula, Maui

A free laulau meal will be served to everyone who comes out to the Kula Catholic Community's annual Holy Ghost Feast, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, June 7, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, June 8, at Holy Ghost Mission, the historic octagonal church at 4300 Lower Kula Road in Waiakoa.

The meal comes with all the rest the annual feast offers: a livestock auction, a live auction, entertainment, games, a bouncing castle for children, baked goods, a farmers' market, jams and jellies, flowers and plants, crafts and plenty of ono food.

The free meal, which will be served in shifts starting at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, is a tradition that recalls Queen Isabel's (St. Elizabeth) piety and devotion to her people in 14th century Portugal.

The shape of the Kula church, built by the Portuguese who settled there in the 19th century, is said to represent the eight-sided

crown of the queen.

Mass will be celebrated June 7 at 5 p.m. and June 8 at 9:30 a.m., each followed by a procession led by the Holy Ghost Feast Queen.

The live auction begins at 6 p.m. Saturday and continues at 11 a.m. Sunday. Auction items include golf, hotel stays, restaurants, boat excursions, health and beauty gift certificates, home-made baked goods and more.

The livestock auction is 2:30 p.m., Sunday.

The Holy Ghost Feast, held every Pentecost weekend, 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.

Parking will be available at the community center. Maui Bus "Kula Villager" stops at the Holy Ghost Church.

For information call 808-878-1261 or visit [www.kulacatholic-community.org](http://www.kulacatholic-community.org).



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### 'Ground-breaking' ground breaking

Bishop Larry Silva, center, joined Damien Memorial School president Bernard Ho, to his right, and other special guests at a groundbreaking ceremony at the Kalihi campus, April 30. Construction is slated to begin soon on the Clarence T.C. Ching Athletic Building, the first major complex to be built at the school in about 30 years.

## Workshop guides school reps through nuts and bolts of grant writing

Development officers and other representatives from nine Oahu Catholic schools and one representative from Kauai attended the first grants and funding workshop sponsored by the Hawaii Catholic Schools Diocesan Board on April 25 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center.

Twenty-five people participated in the four-and-a-half-

hour presentation which featured as guest speaker Maryknoll School's director of institutional advancement Yvonne Morris.

Morris, who has a long and successful track record channeling financial support to Maryknoll, spoke on what schools need to know to prepare themselves to pursue grants and funding.

A panel of grant-funders and grant-receivers showed the participants what grants and funding were available and how to apply for them. Panel members were Terry George, president and CEO, Harold K.L. Castle Foundation; Sue Ferandin, executive director, Augustine Educational Foundation; Tonya Stevenson, associate director,

Augustine Educational Foundation; Ann Medeiros, parent, St. John Vianney School; and Andrea Hamilton, development director, Sacred Hearts Academy.

Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mike Rockers introduced the workshop. He stressed the need for schools to look for available financial resources to help them meet 21st century

educational goals.

The workshop concluded with a PowerPoint presentation on practical tips on writing grants by Anne Harpham, executive assistant/advancement coordinator of Maryknoll's Institutional Advancement Office. Her presentation prompted many questions and answers on the nuts and bolts of writing grants.

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**1 KALAHEO Holy Cross Parish**  
**Parish confirmandi** participated in **Holy Thursday services** by having their feet washed. For some, it was their first active involvement in a Lenten service. **Father Edison** said service to others is important and, though it can be painful as his back was hurting a bit after washing their feet, he is joyful to be able to serve each of them. ... At the **Good Friday service**, the youth presented a dramatic interpretation of the Gospel Passion of Jesus Christ with costumes and sound effects. Parishioners appreciated the effort and hard work the youth put into this project. ... This past weekend, the Confirmation classes and **youth ministry**, with several parents, saw the movie **"God's Not Dead."** During the movie, viewers were invited to text "God's Not Dead" to people on their contact list. Several youths texted three to five people, a sign that the movie's message was important on a level other than entertainment. ... Nine young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 25 at the 9:45 a.m. Mass. They are **Alii Emayo, Amber Pabustan, Chazlyn Aki, Christopher Corpuz, Janice Purisima, Jaymee-Lyn Yadao, Keatin Mariano-Hardy, Marcus Pereira** and **Trevor Freudig**. Congratulations! ... Religious education is also preparing for **First Holy Communion**. This year, 30 children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. They are **Nicole Adella, Fred Ryl Adella, Annabelle Adversario, Kaina Andrade, Nicole Bisarra, Adam Bueno, Quentin Carveiro, Bryce**

**Fernandez, Kayla Fernandez, Faith Helgen, Darian Martin, Jr., Tiare Martin, Ryan Martin, Kainoa Martin, Shyann Martin-Patricio, Harley Nonaka, Rayven Iwalani Orsatelli, Blade Piccirilli, Isabell Pimental, Casera Silva, Coryssa Silva, Ysabel Tempon, Steven Zina** and **Haley Zina**. ... Our newest parish ministry, the **Food Pantry Soup Kitchen and Thrift Shop**, will begin serving dinner, 5-6 p.m., on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Call Clarissa, 651-9725, if you feel called to help in this ministry. ... Pictured are **Father Edison** and **deacon-candidate Bambi Emayo** washing the feet of Confirmation students at Holy Thursday Mass. (Reported by *Judy Cabanting*)

**2 PAUOA VALLEY Blessed Sacrament Parish**  
 Free motivational tees **"Stay Calm and Altar Serve"** were given to the **altar servers** after the Easter Sunday Mass which brought smiles of joy to each server. Coordinator **Fe Cardenas** requested that each server wear the free tee whenever serving Mass and to always ask God for help before serving and during Mass to do his or her best. **Jessica Cardenas**, daughter of Fe, and a former altar server, helped get the free tees printed with thought that the theme may spark a thought for other boys and girls to consider "Stay Calm and Altar Serve." Our pastor **Father Steve Nguyen** trained the altar girls and boys with the help of the experienced servers. Pictured, from left, first row: **Joshua Petersen, Sone Leuta, Megan Petersen,**

**Marcus Mendoza, Paulo Leuta** and **Bryan Baniaga**. Second row: **Noah and Maya Piper, Isaac, Ilana** and **Israel Sagapolutele**. Back: **Jessica Cardenas**. (Reported by *Elizabeth Lum*; photo by *William Cardenas*)

**3 WAHIAWA Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**  
 Our parish bid a warm aloha to its parochial vicar **Sacred Hearts Father Yohanes Budiyo** (Father Yanto) at a farewell party (April 26 on the parish grounds). The evening featured a sumptuous array of potluck dishes and a rotisserie side of beef, entertainment by parishioners, and a surprise display of Father Yanto's musical talents as he played and sang Indonesian songs. Father Yanto came here 15 months ago from his native Indonesia for his first real assignment as a priest. Our pastor, **Sacred Hearts Father Richard McNally** wrote in the parish bulletin, "It would be hard to live in this community and not grow in a sense of one's vocation. I believe that he will go forth from us strengthened and built up in faith and that's the greatest gift." Father Yanto left on April 29 for Rome, where he will continue his studies. During his time at our parish he greatly endeared himself to the people with his energy, sense of humor and caring touch. If he received strength from the parishioners we were equally blest by his time with us. (Reported by *Jack Kampfer*)

**4 PAPAIAKOU Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**  
 Damp weather moved our an-

nual Easter egg hunt to the porch of our parish hall and the area between the hall and the office. After the 10 a.m. Mass, the children assembled in the parking area and on cue scrambled for the hidden treasures. Afterward, everyone enjoyed ice cream, cake, chips and juice! ... Ten young parishioners received **First Reconciliation** on April 26 and their **First Communion** on April 27 at the 10 a.m. Mass. Catechist **Joyce Yafuso** congratulated them on a fine preparation leading up to their special day. After posing for pictures, they and their families and friends were treated to a lunch of hamburger patties, rice, brown gravy, corn, potato salad, fruit salad, cake and juice. Congratulations and may you remain close to Jesus throughout your journey through life! Pictured in front row, from left, **Justin Takemoto, Madisyn Leite, Zoey AhYo, Kanoelani Lyman, Randy Antonio, RJ O'Dell-Lambeth** and **Pauline Aughe** (catechist aide). Back row, from left, **Shelly Wingate** (catechist aide) **Father Michael Scully, Marley Credo, Aaron Aughe, Greyson Karonis, Santiago Patino, Joyce Yafuso** (catechist), and **Deacon Leroy Andrews**. (Reported by *Pat Phillips*; photo by *Inez Johnson*)

**5 PEARL CITY Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish**  
 Children lined up to offer flowers at the **Our Lady of Good Counsel** statue in honor of her feast day on April 26. Our parish celebrated her feast day on April 27 with food provided by various ministries, music, a lion dance

and fellowship. In 1467, in the little town of Genazzano, near Rome, pilgrims celebrating the feast of St. Mark noticed a mysterious mist of cloud descending on the wall of an unfinished church dedicated to Our Lady of Good Counsel. When the cloud dissipated, a painting of our Lady holding her son appeared. The picture, which is painted on a piece of thin plaster, is suspended in air. Since then, many miracles of healing and answered petitions have been attributed through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel. (Reported by *Bernadette V. Cabe*)

**6 PUNAHOU Sacred Heart Parish**  
 Our parish celebrated the **Baptism and Confirmation** of new members at the Easter Vigil. **Father Gordian Carvalho** presided with **Deacon Vince Wozniak**. Congratulations to all, pictured from left, **Christopher Ugale, James Siu, Irene Chor-Fong Wong, Mich Panos, Chase Ogoshi, Claudette Nishigaya, Heather Postema**. (Reported by *Lynn Murata*)

**7 KAHULUI Christ the King Parish**  
 Welcome and congratulations to our newly baptized adult Catholics: **Shayne "Claire" Casio, Renee "Susanna" Bascar, Larry "Lawrence" Rhoden**. Congratulations to our students (pictured) who received their First Reconciliation and First Communion this Easter. Grades seventh and eighth: **Renessa Aldan Amor, Carl Nohea Antiado, Niveen Bacalso, Kimberly Calinog, Kaleolea Caones-Paahana, Jeselle**

**Quidding**. High school: **Valerie Bascar-Fernandez, Cielo Capilitan, Bradley-Jay Pascual, Judie Rasos, Julie Rasos, Zachary Ventura, Zaeza Ventura**. Jesus Christ is risen! He is alive in our heart, soul and mind! (Reported by *Audie Pascual*)

**8 WAIKIKI St. Augustine Parish**  
 We celebrated the birthdays of our pastor **Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona**, parochial vicar **Sacred Hearts Father Ed Popish**, and former parochial vicar **Sacred Hearts Father Lusius Nimu** at a party on April 26. Entertainment included hula by dancers from **Kealiikaapunihonua Keena Ao Hula**. The parish's **Altar Rosary Society** organized the event. Pictured, from left, **Margaret Stafford, Father Popish, Beverly Tavake, Father Akiona**. (Margaret, Bev and Angie are Altar Rosary Society members). (Reported by *Anne Harpham*)

**9 MOLOKAI St. Damien Parish**  
 On Holy Thursday, our pastor **Sacred Hearts Father William F. Petrie** washed the feet of several parishioners (pictured). Father Petrie, **Sacred Hearts Father Mike Kelly, Deacon Mike Shizuma**, the **liturgy team** and **music ministry** provided extraordinary services to the community over the Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services. In addition, an Easter sunrise Mass and egg hunt was held at **Our Lady of Sorrows** at Kaluaaha



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and a daytime Easter Mass was celebrated at **St. Vincent Ferrer Church** in Maunaloa. The parish is grateful for the work of our clergy and lay ministers to make the Triduum memorable. *(Reported by Maria Sullivan)*

**10 AIEA St. Elizabeth Parish**

Our parish administrator **Father Arnold Ortiz** blessed the church's **new tabernacle** April 17 in the Eucharist's new home behind the altar. Donations from parishioners helped finance the purchase and relocation of the tabernacle. *(Reported by Celia Downes)*

**11 WAIPAHU St. Joseph Parish**

Our parish was blessed with many activities and celebrations in March. On March 19, we celebrated the feast of our patron saint, **St. Joseph**, Spouse of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, with a novena and Mass. Fellowship, food and entertainment followed with parishioners and friends in the parish hall. Students from our parish school shared their talents. Our parish **School Youth Ministry Choir** gave us a treat with songs they will be singing in America Sings in Washington, D.C., in April. ... Our pastor, La Salette **Father Efren Tomas** celebrated 33 years of priesthood on March 27. Our parish honored him with a party on March 29. Father Efren is an inspiration with his leadership. With his guidance, our parish is undergoing many capital improvements to improve the quality of life for our parishioners. Pictured with Father Efren are parish staff members **Angeлина Andres, Irene Sandry,**

**Frances Abreu and Mary Cachuela.** *(Reported by Irene Sandry; photo by Joni Cachuela)*

**12 MAKAKILO St. Jude Parish**

Our staff lovingly prepared and hosted a dinner for **Bishop Larry Silva, Deacons Modesto Cordero and Fred Carahasen and spouses** before the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, celebrated by the Bishop Silva. Thirty students and two adults were confirmed. Pictured, in the front row, **Father Manny Hewe, Bishop Silva and Father Tim Tuyac.** Second row, **Keahi Teson, Father Mario Raquero, Bonnie Boquer, Caren Sue Argenzia, Grace Balderas, Lucy Pascual, Donna Caris.** Back row, **Deacon Cordero, Lana Vargas, Judy Datzman, Tony Boquer, Ray Datzman, Deacon Carahasen.** *(Reported by Caren Sue Argenzia)*

**WAILUKU St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

Congratulations to these parishioners who were confirmed at the Easter Vigil: **Patrick Amaral, Shane Dudoit, Kelsey Keyes, Mary Sagawinit and Sidnei Torres.** **Aaron Acpal** made a profession of faith and was received into full communion with the church. ... Our parish **appreciation dinner** April 30 at the school cafeteria honored all the **volunteers** who give so much to our various ministries. **Tokyo Tei** catered the delicious dinner. Each volunteer was given a pen/flashlight as a thank you souvenir. *(Reported by Brenda Phillips)*

**13 KAILUA-KONA St. Michael Parish**

Here's the church. Here's the steeple. Construction on Kona's long-awaited **parish church** is making progress. *(Reported by Dick Leander)*

**14 HAIKU St. Rita Parish**

The lighting and blessing of the paschal candle by **Father Rufino Gepiga** assisted by **Deacon Stan Franco**, symbol of Christ, the light of the world, opened the Easter Vigil. We listened to some of the most powerful passages in the Bible, and then prayed to all the saints to stand with us. Initiated with the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are, pictured, **Wesley Weeks, Lei Ana Bland, Lisa Kuwahara, Kamahealani Liwy and Christian Dela Cruz.** They gave their answer "yes" with joy to their baptismal promises. A beautiful service of Communion followed where we, a community of believers, went to the table and celebrated the Easter Eucharist. Our parish community welcomes our newly initiated with gladness, grateful that God will now share this new life them. Alleluia! *(Reported by Esther Yap)*

**15 KEKAHA St. Theresa Parish,**

Like Catholic parishes around the world, we are thrilled to have two new saints, **St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II.** What a blessing for us all! ... Our parish welcomed **Lorrie Otto** who was fully initiated in the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. Lorrie's sponsor was **Sis-**

**ter Hannah Johnecheck.** May God bless Lorrie! ... On May 4, **13 children** received Jesus for the first time in the **Holy Eucharist.** Congratulations and God's blessings on them all! ... On this same date, our pastor **La Salette Father Arnel Soriano** celebrated his 10th priestly anniversary and **Sister Janet Rose** had a birthday! We ask God to continue to bless them and thank God for allowing them to be part of our lives! ... A "job well done" to our **religious education students** whose last class on May 14 will be a "Come and See" celebration of what they've accomplished this school year. Our thanks to their catechists, under the direction of Sister Hannah, who guided them throughout this year! ... On May 18, we celebrate our **Baccalaureate Mass** with the **graduating seniors of Waimea High School.** Most, if not all, will continue their education at colleges, universities, trade schools and the military. We are very proud of these graduates, many of whom are St. Theresa School alumni. Joining the seniors at Mass will be our eight eighth grade graduates whose graduation Mass is May 21. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide all our graduates as they move on to new pursuits. ... **Ten parish youth** will be confirmed May 25 at Holy Cross Church and be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. They presented the **Living Stations** on Good Friday and did an outstanding job! ... Our parish will have a **despedida (farewell) potluck** for Sister Hannah and La Salette **Father Rene "Biz" Bisailon** and La Salette **Father Enrique Ike**

**Lapuebla** who both will be returning to the Philippines in late July. Our parish has truly been blessed by these three most generous people who have dedicated their lives to the spreading of the Good News! Everyone is welcome to join in bidding them a fond and loving aloha on May 24 at 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. ... To all the **students, faculty and staff** whose school year ends May 30. Job well done! God bless you all and may your summer be safe and fun-filled! Pictured, from left, **Martin Costales** (adult server), **Aliyah Boyd** (fully initiated), **Father Soriano, Jonathan Dalay** (fully initiated), **Lorrie Otto** (fully initiated) and **Sister Hannah.** *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)*

**HONOLULU Sts. Peter and Paul Parish**

**Mother's Day Mass cards** are available in the back of the church of those who would like their mothers to be remembered at all the Masses on their special day, May 11. *(From the parish bulletin)*

**WAIALUA St. Michael Parish**

An adult faith session, 7 p.m., May 14, will feature **Lori Protzman**, the palliative care nurse coordinator for **St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.** Her "end of life" session will cover the topics: What is a good death? Why good endings require advance planning. Why hospice? Dispelling hospice myths. *(From the parish bulletin)*

**16 EWA BEACH Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**

On April 15, the **grade eight students** shared with their fellow students, faculty, staff and family members the **"Stations of the Cross,"** leading them through an emotional and touching walk-through of what our Savior Jesus Christ endured to share with us true love and salvation. The audience was moved to tears as they reflected on what Jesus did for all. Faith was strengthened, as well as our appreciation for the relationship we all have with God our Father. Pictured from left, **Keoni Casuga, Larson Jones, Charles Suster, Kristian Apilando, William Sotelo, Erica Nishikata, Koby Gerboch-Chun.** *(Reported by Kahae Maikai-Iakopo)*

**17 NUUANU St. Stephen Parish**

A Filipino fiesta March 29 after the 4 p.m. Mass celebrated the feast day of **St. Pedro Calungsod**, a sacristan missionary catechist from Cebu, Philippines, who was martyred in 1672 on Guam at the age of 17 with the Spanish Jesuit missionary **Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores.** His love of Jesus inspired him to devote his teenage years to teaching the faith as a lay catechist. Leaving family and friends at age 14, Pedro accepted Padre Diego de San Vitores' challenge to join him on the mission to the Chamorros. Pedro undertook the demanding work and bravely faced the many obstacles and difficulties he met. This young saint was beatified on March 5, 2000, by Pope John Paul II and canonized on Oct. 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is April 2. The celebration in the parish hall was a joyous gathering, thanks to a committee of dedicated volunteers. Drawing much attention to the spread of Filipino dishes and desserts was the lechon (roast pig). The decorations reflected the culture and tradition of the Philippines. The entertainment included children and adult games, Visayan songs and the tinkling bamboo dance by **Gigi, George and Arvin.** Our pastor **Father Khanh** later joined Gigi dancing the tinkling and also did a solo. The evening was delightful. A big mahalo to **Marfie Gawat and Julie Abcede** who co-chaired the celebration! Coordinating the food were **Marie Gawat and Gigi Labrador;** the décor, **Julie Abcede, George and Glen Abcede;** games, **Jamie Labrador** and **Kalani Medina;** music and entertainment, **Arvin Lucio and Lauren Felipe;** and cultural display, **Vickie Solidum.** *(Reported by Ginny Jordan)*

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

**Martin Luther King Day** was celebrated Jan. 20. To honor his vision of universal peace, a poem contest is held each year by the **International Peace Poem Project.** The organization, which began on Maui in 1996, held its first contest in 2000. Poem submissions are sent in from all over the United States, as well as from more than 120 countries. This year's Oahu winners received their awards at the 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Award Ceremony, April 12, at the Mission Memorial Auditorium next to the Hono-



lulu Hale. Six students from our school were among the over 70 awardees: third grader **Alexia Mae Eleccion**; fourth grader **Keira Cachola**; fifth grader **Christine Nguyen**; sixth grader **Makayla Morinaga**; seventh grader **Alyssa Kahia-po**; and eighth grader **Riahna Cachola**. Two of them — Alexia and Makayla — were among the 13 who received the coveted **Golden Circle Award**. Our school is extremely proud of all of our representatives! (Reported by *Ginger Kamisugi*)

**19 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy High School**

Our **Lancer Aviation team** won the **Hawaii Real World Design Challenge**. The team presented its engineering design and precision agriculture business plan to a team of four judges in the state competition. The 20-minute presentation required six months of intense research, design and planning. This year's challenge was focused on the design and implementation of an **Unmanned Aerial System** to support precision agriculture, specifically following infestations of the **European corn borer** and the monitoring and assessment of crop conditions in an Iowa cornfield. This is the third consecutive year the academy team took top honors in Hawaii. Our math department chair **Deborah Kula** is the team's advisor and English teacher **Jill Sprott** provided editorial support. **Reid Noguchi** of BAE Systems mentors the team. Pictured are team members **Aimee Pak, Angela Wong, Lauren Loualhadi, Elle Bower, Maria Cashdollar, Catherine Sequeira** and **Jasmine Quinn** and advisor **Kula**. (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)



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**KALAUPAPA St. Francis Parish**

He walked through the doorway like the second coming of King Kamehameha with a young woman on his arm and I thought, "Oh my, he surely has discovered the fountain of youth!" Bugles blared and a host of voices sang out, "Happy birthday to you!" It was the eve of Palm Sunday and we had gathered at the home of **Winnie Harada** to celebrate the birthday of her neighbor and long time friend **John Arruda**. John was celebrating his 90 years of youth with great gusto. Power to the Portuguese! John was born and grew up on the beautiful island of Kauai. In 1945, after he had been diagnosed with Hansen's disease, John arrived here in Kalaupapa, prior to the arrival of sulfone drugs in 1947. In 1957 John left Kalaupapa and returned to Kauai to care for his mother and sister. However, as is evidenced by his frequent visits, John has a special fondness for Kalaupapa and for his many friends here. We rejoiced in having John with us for all of our Holy Week. John in his unique way is a link between what has been and what is today in Kalaupapa. Long live John Arruda! (Reported by *Father Patrick Killilea, ss.cc.*)



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**Melina Ventura** (third). Third grade winners: **Toni Jordyn Umalla** (first), **Angelina Burson** (second) and **Shaden Yamaguchi** (third). Second grade winners: **Katie Brown** (first), **Martian Binonwangan** (second) and **Julia Durocher** (third). Katie Brown's poster took first place for the island of Kauai and has been entered at the state level. Great job! ... On April 27, 20 students from the **school and parish religious education program** received their **First Holy Communion**. In addition, preschool student **Sophia Cocumelli** was baptized. Congratulations to Sophia and our second grade students who received their First Holy Communion — **Martian Binonwangan, Nico Cocumelli, Julia Durocher, Aulii Kauli, Emma McCartney, John Paul Mueller, Evalei Shimabukuro** and **Maya Ventura**. May God continue to bless you with grace and love! (Reported by *Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty*)

**21 KEKAHA St. Theresa School**

Our school celebrated its biggest fundraiser of the year, the **school carnival** on April 25 and 26. Always a big draw, the

food booth offered a humongous half-chicken, kiawe grilled to perfection, along with pork, peas, pimento and a kalua plate all superbly cooked and served in generous portions. And what is a school carnival without pronto pups, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chili bowls, flying saucers and saimin? Our **food booth committee** did an absolutely outstanding job, as always! Mahalo to all the committee chairs who worked tirelessly for a year: advertisement, **Janet Goding**; finance, **Marlene Ruiz**; non-game booths, **Jenneen Ragasa**; supplies, **Kanani Olores**; prizes and game booths, **Melissa Kelekoma**; support, **Brenda Hatcher**. Our **parish youth** served up cappuccinos that were sooo delicious. Ice cream, soda and water rounded out the refreshment stand! The Country Store, Repeat Boutique, Shirola and Silent Auction offered homemade goodies and crafts, gently used items, great items at great prices and a chance to win food baskets! A host of parishioners and alumni staffed booths along with our school parents. The big draws on Friday night were the pony rides and petting zoo! Everyone had a wonderful time! A huge mahalo to carnival

coordinator **Dino Pabre Sr.** for a job well done! Our school thanks everyone who worked and generously donated to this worthwhile event. God bless and see you next year! (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*; photo by *Dino Pabre Sr.*)

**22 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School**

Forty-seven of our **fifth graders** enthusiastically gathered for an exciting three-day stay at Camp Timberline, Makakilo. Team-building activities challenged their ability to communicate, collaborate, problem-solve and think critically. The zip line and climbing wall emphasized building confidence and taking risks as the students towered 25 to 30-feet above the ground. The girls also enjoyed fine-tuning archery skills, swimming, experiencing the Mad Scientists Fire and Ice show and bonding. Accompanied by teachers **Susan Phillips, Sheila Banigan** and a corps of parent volunteers, the students returned to campus with newfound confidence, an understanding of perseverance and a positive attitude. Pictured: **Mia Lee** tackles the steep climb up the rock wall. (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)

**23 WAILUKU St. Anthony School**

The **Class of 2014** enjoyed the **Annual Senior Class Luau** on April 27, a school tradition that the senior class plans and facilitates as a mahalo to their parents for all the support and love they have given them over the years. The **junior class** helps to set-up, serve, and clean up for the event, so the seniors may enjoy the day with their parents. Pictured is the Senior Class 2014. (Reported by *Janice Pruett*)

**24 HONOLULU St. John the Baptist School**

Our Easter break Big Island trip was a great experience for **26 fourth, fifth and sixth graders** chaperoned by **Mrs. Wellein, Sister Estelita** and **Ms. Castillo** and 22 helpful parents. We stayed at the Kilauea Military Camp and experienced the volcanoes up close on a guided tour by park rangers. We also visited Jagger Museum, a black sand beach, Hilo town, the NOAA museum, Naha stone, the farmer's market, Akaka Falls, Liliuokalani Park, Imiloa Astronomy Center, Hilo Bay and Big Island Candies. We were also blessed to visit **St. Joseph Church** for Good Friday servic-

es. It was a heavenly three-day trip. (Reported by *Mary Wellein*)

**KAILUA St. John Vianney School**

Our **music department** under the direction of **Dana Arbaugh** will perform a spring concert May 16, at 6:30 p.m. The performance will feature the **beginning band, beginning orchestra, concert band** and **concert orchestra**, which will perform works from around the world and well-known folk tunes. The school is proud to have 17 students performing in the **Oahu Band Directors Association Middle School Honor Ensembles**. In addition to the large ensemble works, the percussion ensemble will premier an original composition they have co-written over the past four months. The concert orchestra's presentation will include music from the blockbuster "Pirates of the Caribbean." The concert band will end the evening with the main theme from "Star Wars." The public is invited to this exciting event, which will be held inside the parish church. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

**25 HONOLULU St. Theresa School**

Lots of wonderful things are happening in **kindergarten**. In religion this month, we have focused on the **Lord, Jesus Christ**. We followed his journey as he walked the earth and blessed us with so many wonderful gifts. We learned that he loved us so much, that he died for us. The greatest gift of all! **In math**, we are learning to subtract single digit numbers. We mastered the 100s chart and skip-counting by 5s and 10s. **In reading**, we have been learning our sight words and reading every day in school and at home. The key to fluency and reading comprehension is: Read! Read! Read! **In motor skills**, we have been busy writing. Sometimes we write silly sentences and share them with the class. Most of the kindergartners have met the **Common Core Standard** and are writing five sentences a day. **In science**, we are planting an indoor vegetable garden. We are exploring plant structure, identifying and recognizing foods we eat, and charting our plants. We are predicting, comparing and writing about our plants' progress every day, and it is so much fun! (Reported by *Mrs. Morell*)

**26 HONOLULU St. Anthony School**

**Twenty-one choir, hula and ukulele members**, from first to eighth grade, and their families, traveled to Orlando, Fla., April 20-26. After a wonderful performance at Disney World's Performing Arts stage, everyone enjoyed Planet Hollywood, EP-COT Center, Magic Kingdom, Universal Studios and Sea World. The trip ended with a dinner and performance at Medieval Times. Sixty family members including **Mrs. Corazon Aczon, Mr. Eliezer Aczon** and daughter **Sienna Aczon**, third grade teacher and musical director, joined this trip. Much mahalo to the following students who performed their best at Disneyworld on April 22! **Tricia Marie Reyes, Jenna Pedro, Brandon Sagucio, Mason Daoang, Kyrsten Dacua, Ethel Guillermo, Haycel Maluyo, Amery Mamuad, Tyra Tabayoyong, Brad Sagucio, Dylan Ancheta, Lilzen Dacua, Kendall Ramelb, Angelito Jay Agsalud, Sigrid Benigno, Saralyn Solina, Jezsirree Duong, Alana Keao, Tyra Marie Reyes, Germaine Seril and Angello Corpuz**. (Reported by *Tess Reyes*)





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A massive crowd, an estimated one million people, is seen as Pope Francis celebrates the canonization Mass for Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 27.

# Pope Francis, with retired Benedict, canonizes Sts. John and John Paul

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Canonizing two recent popes in the presence of his immediate predecessor, Pope Francis praised the new Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II as men of courage and mercy, who responded to challenges of their time by modernizing the Catholic Church in fidelity to its ancient traditions.

"They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20th century," the pope said April 27, in his homily during Mass in St. Peter's Square. "They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful."

"John XXIII and John Paul cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the church in keeping with her original features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries," he said.

Speaking before a crowd of half a million that included retired Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis praised St. John for his best-known accomplishment, calling the Second Vatican Council, which he said "showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit."

"He let himself be led, and

he was for the church a pastor, a servant-leader," the pope said of St. John. "This was his great service to the church. I like to think of him as the pope of openness to the Spirit."

Pope Francis characterized St. John Paul as the "pope of the family," a title he said the late pope himself had hoped to be remembered by. Pope Francis said he was sure St. John Paul was guiding the church on its path to two upcoming synods of bishops on the family, to be held at the Vatican this October and in October 2015.

The pope invoked the help of the two new papal saints for the synods' success, and he prayed, "May both of them teach us not to be scandalized by the wounds of Christ and to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves."

Pope Francis has said the agenda for the family synods will include church teaching and practice on marriage, areas he has said exemplify a particular need for mercy in the church today.

The pope repeatedly mentioned mercy in his homily, which he delivered on Divine Mercy Sunday, an observance St. John

Paul put on the church's universal calendar in 2000. The Polish pope died on the vigil of the feast in 2005 and was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011.

In addition to Pope Benedict, making only his third public appearance since he resigned in February 2013, Pope Francis' concelebrants included some 150 cardinals and 700 bishops.

Pope Benedict did not join the procession of bishops at the start of Mass, but arrived half an hour earlier, wearing white vestments and a bishop's miter and walking with a cane; he sat in a section of the square designated for cardinals. Pope Francis greeted his predecessor with an embrace at the start of the Mass, drawing applause from the crowd, and approached him again at the end.

## Relics of the saints presented

During the canonization ceremony, which took place at the beginning of the Mass, devotees carried up relics of the new saints in matching silver reliquaries, which Pope Francis kissed before they were placed on a small table for veneration by the congregation.

St. John's relic was a piece of the late pope's skin, removed when his body was transferred to its present tomb in the main sanctuary of St. Peter's Basilica.

Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican woman whose recovery from a brain aneurysm was recognized by the church as a miracle attributable to the intercession of St. John Paul, brought up a silver reliquary containing some of the saint's blood, taken from him for medical testing shortly before his death in 2005.

The Mass took place under cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 60s, and only a sprinkle of rain fell just before the 10 a.m. start of the liturgy. Huge tapestries bearing portraits of the two saints hung from the facade of the basilica, and the square was decorated with 30,000 roses and other flowers donated by the nation of Ecuador.

The square and the broad Via della Conciliazione leading up to it were tightly packed with approximately half a million pilgrims, many of whom had been standing for hours before the start of Mass. Among the many national flags on display, the majority were from Poland, the native land of St. John Paul.

The Vatican estimated that 800,000 attended the ceremony in Rome, with overflow crowds watching on giant-screen TVs set up at various locations around the city. The 2011 beatification of Pope John Paul drew more

than 1 million people, according to Italian police estimates at the time.

The Vatican said 93 countries sent official delegations to the Mass, and more than 30 of the delegations were led by a president or prime minister. The current king and queen of Spain and the former king and queen of Belgium were in attendance.

Pope Francis spent half an hour personally greeting the delegations following the Mass. He then rode in his popemobile through the square and adjacent avenue, drawing cheers and applause from the crowds, for about 20 minutes until disappearing at the end of the street.

The canonizations of both popes came after extraordinary measures by their successors to expedite the process. Pope Benedict waived the usual five-year waiting period before the start of a sainthood cause for Pope John Paul shortly after his death, when he was mourned by crowds shouting "Santo subito!" ("A saint at once!"). In the case of St. John, Pope Francis waived the usual requirement of a second miracle before a blessed can be added to the church's canon of saints.

Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden at the Vatican.



# Pope Francis



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Pope Francis walks past Swiss Guards as he arrives to meet Paraguayan President Horacio Cartes for a private audience at the Vatican April 29.

## VATICAN SPOKESMAN

### Pope's phone call didn't change church teaching

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

#### VATICAN CITY

Reports that Pope Francis told an Argentine woman civilly married to a divorced man that she can receive Communion "cannot be confirmed as reliable," said Jesuit Father Federico, the Vatican spokesman.

Julio Sabetta, 50, wrote on his Facebook page that Pope Francis phoned his wife, Jacqueline Lisbona, April 20 at their home in Argentina, identifying himself as "Father Bergoglio." He said he was calling in regard to a letter she had written him last September about not being able to receive Communion because Sabetta was divorced.

Media in Argentina, Italy, England and then all over the world picked up the story based on Sabetta's claim that his wife told him Pope Francis told her she could receive Communion, although her parish priest had told her that was not possible unless Sabetta received an annulment and the two married in the church.

Basilian Father Thomas Rosica, who is serving as an assistant to Father Lombardi, told reporters April 23 that Pope Francis had phoned Lisbona, but said the content of the conversation was private.

Father Lombardi, in his formal statement April 24, said the pope often phones people, but since the calls "do not in any way form part of the pope's public activities, no information or comments are to be expected" from the Vatican press office.

"That which has been communicated in relation to this matter," he said, and its "consequent media amplification cannot be confirmed as reliable and is a source of misunderstanding and confusion."

While Pope Francis has made it clear the church should find a pastoral approach to helping divorced and remarried Catholics, he has said any decisions on how to handle such situations would have to be discussed by the Synod of Bishops, which will meet in October and again in 2015.

"Consequences relating to the teaching of the church are not to be inferred" from anything the pope may have said to Lisbona, Father Lombardi said.

## QUOTE

"It's not the uniform, but the person who puts it on that should impress others with his kindness, a spirit of welcoming and an attitude of charity toward everyone." | Pope Francis to members of the Swiss Guard during a private audience with the Swiss Guard, including new recruits and their family members, May 5, the day before the guard's annual swearing-in ceremony.

## PHOTO



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### Baby blessing

Pope Francis blesses a baby as he greets people outside after Mass for the Polish community at Stanislaus Parish in Rome May 4.

## HOMILY

### Jealousy is devil's work

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

#### VATICAN CITY

Beware of the devil, who wants a jealous, power-hungry and divided church, Pope Francis said.

Be open to the Holy Spirit, who brings unity and harmony, and who pushes people to focus fully on Christ, the pope said April 29 during his homily at Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

The pope's morning homily reflected on the day's reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-37), which describes the early Christian community as being made up of believers who were "of one heart and mind," who "bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," and who distributed their assets "to each according to need."

Pope Francis said the passage describes what every Christian community — including parishes and dioceses — should model and aspire to: "peace, witness, poverty and taking care of the poor."

A community of peace, forgiveness and harmony means "there's no place for gossip, jealousy, back-stabbing and slander," he said, according to a report by Vatican Radio.

To see how a community measures up to what Christ wants, look at how its members behave, he said. "Are they meek, humble? Are there battles among them over power? Jealous arguments? Is there gossip? They are not on the road of Jesus Christ," he said.

A peaceful, harmonious community is "very, very important," he said, "because the devil is always trying to divide us. He is the father of division."

The second important characteristic of a Christian community is its dedication to giving witness to the risen Christ, he said.

"Does this parish, this community, this diocese really believe that Jesus Christ is risen?" or do people only believe it with their head and not their heart? he asked. "To give witness that Jesus is living, he is among us — this is the way you can verify how a community is doing."

The third aspect of a Christian community is its members' "poverty of spirit" — that they put their trust in God and not riches and power, he said.

This is what Jesus meant when he told Nicodemus that "you must be born from above" and born of the Holy Spirit, the pope said.

When it comes to peace, witness and a concern for the poor, "the only one who can do this is the Spirit. This is the work of the Spirit," he said.

The Holy Spirit creates unity, "the Spirit pushes us to give witness," the pope said. "The Spirit makes you poor because he is the richness and he makes it so you care for the poor."

## TO SOCIAL CLIMBERS

### Head for hills, not the church

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

#### VATICAN CITY

The Catholic Church is no place for "climbers," who want to reach the heights of prestige, power and profit, Pope Francis said.

Instead of putting their sights on the church, such people should set off for the Alps for a healthier way to get to the top, the pope said May 5 during his homily at Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

He also raised a red flag against "many good Catholics" and benefactors, who have raised money for the church, but profited handsomely from their efforts, even with so-called dirty money.

In his homily, the pope said people should ask themselves why they follow Jesus.

Because everyone is marked by sin and faced with temptation, he said people should reflect on their true motivation for being part of the church and being Christian. It should never be for prestige, power or profit, but purely out of love for Jesus, he said, according to a report by Vatican Radio.

Unfortunately, there are Christians who like to "strut around like real peacocks," full of vanity and the need to show off, the pope said.

"Vanity is dangerous because it makes us slip immediately into pride and arrogance, and then it's all over," he said.

"How do I follow Jesus? Do I hide doing the good things I do or do I like showing off?" he asked.

It's an important question for priests and bishops, too, he said, because "a vain

pastor is not good for the people of God."

It doesn't matter if someone is ordained a bishop or priest, if they "like vanity," he said they are not following Jesus.

Some Christians — sometimes unconsciously — are after power, he said.

"There are climbers in the church!

There are many who knock on the door of the church," looking for some kind of advantage, he said. "But if you don't mind, head north and do some alpine climbing. It's healthier! Don't come to the church to do your climbing!"

Christians should ask themselves whether they would be willing to follow Christ all the way "to the cross," he said, "or do I seek power and use the church a little, use the Christian community, the parish, the diocese to have a little bit of power?"

Christians also should avoid exploiting the church for money or profit, the pope said. There are "those who follow Jesus for money, with money, trying to profit economically from parishes, dioceses, Christian communities, hospitals and schools."

It is a temptation that has existed since the time of the early Christian community, he said.

"We've known many good Catholics, friends, benefactors of the church, (people) with various honors, too. Many people!" he said. "Then it was discovered that they did some back-alley deals; they were real wheelers and dealers and they made a lot of money!"

"They presented themselves as benefactors of the church, but they took a lot of money, and not always 'clean' money," he added.





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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

**T**he Acts of the Apostles again furnishes the first biblical reading. As was the case last weekend, it is a passage recalling a time Peter spoke in behalf of all the Apostles.

This event occurred on Pentecost, an important Jewish feast. Like last week, the sermon is in the literary style of kerygmatic. It goes to the essence of the Christian message. Jesus is Lord. He is the Redeemer. In Jesus, and only in Jesus, is salvation. Jesus bears God's mercy and eternal life.

However, this mercy and eternal life are not thrust upon us. We must ourselves accept Jesus. We must turn to God. We must repent and reform.

The reference to Pentecost is not just simply to provide a date. Rather, its mention reminds us that the Apostles stood in the current of God's long process of salvation and protection.

It further links the salvation offered by Christ, and salvation offered by the Apostles in the Lord's name, in the context of God's constant loving care.

First Peter once again supplies the second reading. Scholars dispute that the Apostle Peter, Simon Peter the Galilean fisherman, literally authored this epistle. Such questions in no sense demean or discount the assertion that this epistle is the authentic and revealed word of God.

The tests of the authenticity of Scriptures is that they were believed to be divinely inspired by the early Christians, and most importantly that they were accepted as such, and formally and officially identified, by the church.

Whatever its exact origins, First Peter fully meets these tests.

Its message is twofold. First, Jesus is the Savior. His blood, spelt on Calvary, reconciles for all time God with created humanity. Secondly, we must link ourselves with Jesus, affirming by our faith and by our total rejection of sin our love for God and faith in the Lord.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. It dwells on a theme obviously preferred by Jesus and emphasized in the Gospel of John. This theme is that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Sheep raising and herding were common livelihoods in Palestine at the time of Jesus. The images of shepherds and sheep would have been instantly understood. Jesus and the evangelists employed these images to make clear and direct the message of salvation.

The very technique in itself reveals the holy yearning of God to be united with us.

This reading insists that Jesus is the only route to heaven. Without the Lord, we reach for heaven in vain.

Also important in this reading is its reference to a thief who slyly, and under the cover of darkness, steals the unsuspecting and helpless sheep away, taking them away to death and destruction.

We need Jesus. Sheep are tame, unassuming, non-predatory animals. They are vulnerable. So are humans. Indeed, thieves lay in wait for us. However, the Lord, the victor over death itself, is our Good Shepherd.

### Reflection

Still, these several weeks after Easter, the church proclaims its joy and faith in the Risen Lord. Still, it speaks the message long ago spoken by Peter on Pentecost. Jesus is Lord! He lives! Repent, renounce sin, and turn to God!

These readings introduce a new element. The devil, or at best forces unfriendly to Jesus, await us. We are unable to withstand these forces without God's help. We are sheep. We are limited. We are weak. Temptation and the human condition weaken us.

Nevertheless, if we are in Jesus, and with Jesus, we are strong. No power can overwhelm us because no power can overwhelm the Lord, the victor over death itself.

The church bids us to face the facts about ourselves — and about the power of the Lord.

# Catechesis



Father Kenneth  
Doyle  
QUESTION CORNER

## Heaven without my children?

**Q** Is the happiness of heaven dependent on human factors? Specifically, when I die and — hopefully — get to heaven, how could I be eternally happy if my children were not to make it with me? (The way things are right now, that is a distinct possibility.) How could I ever be at peace knowing that they are being punished forever? (Aiken, S.C.)

**A** In the kingdom of heaven, according to the promise of the Book of Revelation (21:4), God "will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away."

How exactly that is going to happen is hidden from us while we are on this side of heaven. To be honest, I have no direct answer to your question, which is a perennial one, except to say that I choose to put my trust in the revealed word of God.

Some theologians have explained it this way: In heaven, we will better understand how the Lord is just, that those who reject him by the way they live have chosen their fate. God will not override that choice — and we will be comforted by this fuller knowledge.

Truthfully, that explanation doesn't help me much, but this one does: I believe that the mercy of God is expansive and that many more people are in heaven than we imagine. Only the Lord knows the true state of our souls, and I am encouraged by Matthew's Gospel, which says in Chapter 25 that we will ultimately be judged by how we responded to people who needed our help.

I love the story of Monica, who prayed — over many years, with many tears — for her son Augustine when he was living far from the

Christian life, and how St. Ambrose told her that it was impossible that a "child of such tears" would perish.

So, take heart, continue to give witness to the faith we hold dear. Entrust your children to the care of God (who loves them even more than you do) and keep praying for them, as I will, too.

### How do we receive Communion?

**Q** In our parish, we have been studying the Eucharist, and that has resulted in some wonderful and fresh insights, but it has also prompted a question in my mind. It seems that we have all been taught different ways of receiving Communion. At our church, some take the host on their tongue, some in their palm. Some kneel to receive or genuflect first, some bow and others make the sign of the cross. Is there a best way to receive Jesus, or does it matter? (Willard, Utah)

**A** The guidelines for the reception of holy Communion are expressed most clearly in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

It says that the host may be received either on the tongue or the hand, and the choice belongs entirely to the communicant. If Communion is taken in the hand, it is done in the following way: If the person is right-handed, let's say, he or she should open the left hand fully and place it over the right hand, creat-

ing, as the theologian Tertullian said, a "throne for the Lord."

The priest places the host in the left palm and then, using the fingers of the right hand, the communicant puts the host into his or her mouth. (Never should a communicant reach out to the priest and grab the host.)

The general instruction grants to each nation's conference of bishops the right to decide the posture to be used in taking Communion, as well as the particular gesture of reverence before receiving.

The U.S. bishops have determined that Communion is to be received while standing, following a simple bow of the head (such as one uses when pronouncing the name of Jesus).

However, the general instruction clearly states in No. 160 that an individual communicant may opt instead to receive while kneeling. There is no need to genuflect before receiving or to make the sign of the cross before or after. (I have witnessed several near-accidents when a communicant in line suddenly decided to genuflect in front of an elderly person who was taken by surprise.)

As your final line suggests, the fact that a communicant is receiving the body of Christ is paramount and overrides any consideration of posture or gesture.

But a certain uniformity creates an orderly and more reverent flow. It also highlights the fact that the reception of Communion is not just an individual act of faith and piety but illustrates the spiritual unity of Christ's followers.

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## Beatitudes

Blessed are the **peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God.



Jesuit Father Michael Schultheis distributes Communion during Mass held in a camp for internally displaced families inside a U.N. base in Juba, South Sudan. The camp holds Nuer families who took refuge there in December 2013 after a political dispute within the country's ruling party quickly fractured the young nation along ethnic and tribal lines.

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# Spiritualife



Father Ron Rolheiser

## God's quiet presence in our lives

**T**he poet Rumi submits that we live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not. That can be very helpful in understanding our faith.

One of the reasons why we struggle with faith is that God's presence inside us and in our world is rarely dramatic, overwhelming, sensational, something impossible to ignore. God doesn't work like that. Rather God's presence, much to our frustration and loss of patience sometimes, is something that lies quiet and seemingly helpless inside us. It rarely makes a huge splash.

Because we are not sufficiently aware of this, we tend to misunderstand the dynamics of faith and find ourselves habitually trying to ground our faith on precisely something that is loud and dramatic. We are forever looking for something beyond what God gives us. But we should know from the very way God was born into our world, that faith needs to ground itself on something that is quiet and undramatic.

Jesus, as we know, was born into our world with no fanfare and no power, a baby lying helpless in the straw, another child among millions. Nothing spectacular to human eyes surrounded his birth. Then, during his ministry, he never performed miracles to prove his divinity; but only as acts of compassion or to reveal something about God. Jesus never used divine power in an attempt to prove that God exists, beyond doubt. His ministry, like his birth, wasn't an attempt to prove God's existence. It was intended rather to teach us what God is like and that God loves us unconditionally.

Moreover, Jesus' teaching about God's presence in our lives also makes clear that this presence is mostly quiet and hidden, a plant growing silently as we sleep, yeast leavening dough in a manner hidden from our eyes, summer slowly turning a barren tree green, an insignificant mustard plant eventually surprising us with its growth, a man or woman forgiving an enemy. God, it seems, works in ways that are quiet and hidden from our eyes. The

God that Jesus incarnates is neither dramatic nor splashy.

And there's an important faith-lesson in this. Simply put, God lies inside us, deep inside, but in a way that's almost non-existent, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored. However, while that presence is never overpowering, it has within it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion toward something higher, which invites us to draw upon it. And if we do draw upon it, it gushes up in us in an infinite stream that instructs us, nurtures us and fills us with endless energy.

This is important for understanding faith. God lies inside us as an invitation that fully respects our freedom, never overpowers us; but also never goes away. It lies there precisely like a baby lying helpless in the straw, gently beckoning us, but helpless in itself to make us pick it up.

For example, C.S. Lewis, in explaining why he finally became, in his words, "the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom," writes that, for years, he was able to effectively ignore a voice inside him, precisely, because it was almost non-existent, almost unfelt and largely unnoticed. On the other hand, in retrospect, he realized it had always been there, a gentle, incessant nudge, beckoning him to draw from it, something he eventually recognized as a gentle, but unyielding, imperative, a "compulsion" which, if obeyed, leads to liberation.

Ruth Burrows, the British Carmelite and mystic, describes a similar experience in her autobiography, "Before the Living God." Chronicling her late adolescent years, Burrows describes both her religious flightiness and her lack of attraction to the religious life at that time in her life. Yet she eventually ends up not only being serious about religion but becoming a Carmelite nun. What happened?

One day, in a chapel, almost against her will, triggered by a series of accidental circumstances, she opened herself to a voice inside her that she had, until then, mainly ignored because it lay inside her precisely as a voice that was almost non-existent, almost unfelt and largely unnoticed. But once touched, it gushed up as the deepest and most real thing inside her and set the direction of her life forever afterward. Like C.S. Lewis, she too, once she had opened herself to it, felt it as an unyielding moral compulsion opening her to ultimate liberation.

Why doesn't God show himself to us more directly and more powerfully so as to make faith easier? That's a fair question for which, partly, there is no fully satisfying answer. But the answer we do have lies in understanding the manner in which God manifests himself in our lives and in our world. Unlike most everything else that's trying to get our attention, God never tries to overwhelm us. God, more than anyone else, respects our freedom. For this reason, God lies everywhere, inside us and around us, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed and easily ignored, a quiet, gentle nudge; but, if drawn upon, the ultimate stream of love and energy.

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Father John Catoir

## Juggling the difficulties of life with grace

**L**ife has been falsely compared to a juggling act, where the juggler tosses many balls in the air with ease and keeps them all circulating magically until he or she sets them down in perfect order.

Real life is not at all like that. In fact, in real life, most of us will make mistakes regularly, and the stakes are much higher than just dropping a few balls.

If you drop some responsibility in real life, it could have lasting, unhappy consequences. Mistakes are frequently made as you try to juggle the conflicting duties and obligations amid the tensions of daily life.

But take heart, because by constantly juggling several objects, just like obligations, that's how jugglers learn to develop their skills and ultimately learn to balance everything that's up in the air.

The way a juggler learns to handle several objects is much the same way that a person learns to juggle obligations in life. It's impossible for an ordinary person to become an overnight expert at juggling obligations. No one is in perfect control all the time. But constant practice, learning to spot what needs immediate attention and what does not, can help us learn this balance.

Just remember not to impose false and unreasonable expectations of perfection on yourself.

*Why do we grow so impatient when, time and again, we find ourselves falling short of perfection?*

These high expectations of immediate perfection have the effect of imposing extraordinary burdens on our lives, spiritually and otherwise. When you realize that you're only an ordinary person, you have a better chance of enjoying your precious life.

Yet why do we grow so impatient when, time and again, we find ourselves falling short of perfection?

When you find yourself falling into this trap, try to remember that no one, except God, is perfect. If you fall short of your expectations, remember that

the faults you find so heavy to carry are more sins of weakness than sins of malice.

God is merciful with all sinners, but especially so with those who mean well. But those who are malicious, out to step on others to attain their selfish goals, those are the ones who should fear God's wrath.

It is normal to feel disappointment in oneself. The disappointments we experience every once in a while in life may be upsetting, but failure isn't fatal. Adjusting to one's humanity and lack of perfection takes time and patience.

It's almost comical and difficult to face this reality if you're the kind who thinks of yourself as an undiscovered superstar. Remember that it's hard, if not impossible, to attain perfection in this life.

Finally, we need to remember that in this path toward improvement of our inner lives, it's especially important to practice kindness, especially kindness to ourselves.





# Myfaith

Sister Georgina Delgado,  
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VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

## Perseverance

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

One asks, “Sister, my electricity is going to be cut. Can you help me?” While another pleads, “Sister, I need food.” And yet another inquires, “Sister, can you open the door to the gym?”

This is my work here at St. Joseph’s Church (Makawao, Maui). Aside from being the director of religious education, my ministry also encompasses parish outreach through the food pantry, social and financial ministry. I keep forefront in my mind the words of St. Paul (to the Corinthians): “Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win.”

Some days are more of a marathon than others. The office phone rings every 10 minutes. And sometimes, when I am outside unlocking a door or taking care of other business, by the time I return there are 10 more messages left on the phone waiting to be addressed.

If it is an electric bill that needs to be paid, I write to Maui Electric and ask them to hold off cutting the electricity for a week while we get a check from St. Joseph’s Church sent in. Sometimes our help is needed to pay for rent in the face of eviction. Other times, we even pay for cremations. Our pastor and parishioners are very good in stewardship. Everyone tries to help those in greater need than themselves. The parish even supplements the food bank which helps with our monthly food distributions.

In the midst of all this busyness however, I find that there are moments when I feel like Mary of Nazareth. When I am working in the quiet of the convent, for



example repacking rice and flour and other amenities for the food pantry, I take my time while doing the tasks at hand and consciously reflect more on the Lord. Mary was always thinking of Jesus, even as she worked. When I think of whom I am working for, the day becomes grace-filled.

My other role models are St. Damien de Veuster and St. Marianne Cope. I like to reflect on how they gave their lives for others without counting the cost. Their lives were for the people, and that’s what I am here for. I find my fulfillment in touching the lives of others. Actually, it is a mutual benefit as I am also touched by them. When, for example, the homeless come into the office with heavy faces and hearts, I give them a chance to talk. They usually leave in peace which gives me great joy. Through their challenges I am strengthened as I am reminded that I am not the only one having issues in life. So, as St. Paul said, “persevere.” And, as I tell the youth, “Put God first in your life and everything else will be taken care of.”

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CONSIDER THIS

## A radical rebranding of Christianity

There he goes again. Pope Francis continues to speak out for the poor — to the exclusion of the “struggling middle class” — much to the exasperation of some people.

The writer of a recent letter to the editor of a California diocesan newspaper does not like to “read continuous scolds from Rome about the need to help the ‘poor.’”

“I for one am weary of the adulation of our current pope for his drumbeat about preferences for the poor as if no previous pope had emphasized the theme,” she wrote.

Good. That means it’s working. Most advertising experts tell their clients it is not until they are tired of hearing their own commercial that it is finally registering with the public.

“What I am not hearing from Rome is a single sentence, never mind a document, saluting the struggling middle class,” the letter writer said.

She should expect a long wait ahead.

The middle class do not lack for spokespersons. They have the AARP, various chambers of commerce, legislators and public officials who will take their phone calls. Yes, Pope

Francis speaks and writes continuously about Christian responsibility for those in poverty. It is not new, but he says it in direct and contemporary language that is finding great appeal.

Being poor isn’t just about having few material possessions. “It suggests lowliness, a sense of one’s limitations and existential poverty,” the pope told a group of young people earlier this year. “The anawim (God’s poor) trust in the Lord and they know they can count on him.”

The letter writer is not alone in her misconception of the poor.

Poverty is more than lacking money — it is lacking power. The pope spoke of “an economy of exclusion” where “the powerful feed upon the powerless.”

“As a consequence, masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalized without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape,” he said in the apostolic exhortation, “The Joy of the Gospel.”

The letter writer seems to be a good person. “Since I was a child, decades ago, I have been solicited to help the less fortunate, and I have regularly contributed through the years to those who, because of

personal misfortune or living under corrupt leaders, find themselves destitute and who knock on the door of the Catholic Church.”

Yet that is not enough, as the world is learning from Pope Francis.

Francis, who was known as the “slum bishop” in Argentina because of his work among the poor, said reaching out to those on the margins of society was “the most concrete way of imitating Jesus.”

“The word ‘solidarity’ is a little worn and at times poorly understood, but it refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset that thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few,” he wrote in his exhortation.

This creating a community-minded mindset is a radical rebranding of Christianity. If followed, it could change the world.

There will be plenty of time to address the middle class once that is accomplished.

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IN LITTLE WAYS

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What would you pay to be forgiven for shoplifting? What if I told you that all your sins could be forgiven? Now what would you pay? But wait, there’s more! For a limited time only, God will not only forgive your sins but will also provide you with the grace to resist sin in the future. Don’t delay. Call your nearest Christian church today.

- The Blood of Christ — Shed for you to the very last drop.
- “Help! I’ve fallen, and I can’t get up.” If you have a life, you need PrayerSupport. PrayerSupport responds promptly to medical emergencies, final exams, IRS audits, air turbulence and scores of other scary moments. Saints, angels and living Christians are standing by 24/7 to lift you up body and soul. Contact us today to activate your own personal PrayerSupport network. PrayerSupport is a service of the Christian church. Accept no imitations.
- Midnight Mass — because nobody doesn’t like Baby Jesus.
- “Do you know me? My name gets used a lot when someone drops the ball or spills the milk. I hang on a million crucifixes in a million churches. Thousands of Hispanic kids share my name. But do you know me? If not, let’s talk.” A message from Jesus of Nazareth.
- “Look Ma, no sins!” See the smile on that kid’s face? How long has it been since you went to confession?
- Can you hear me on a busy street? Good. Can you hear me at the beach? Good. Can you hear me at work? Good. Can you hear me at home? Good. Having trouble hearing me? Come to church. I’m always here. Christ the Lord. I never stop calling for you.
- Jesus — Because God cared enough to send the very best.
- “Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick — celebrate the moments of your life with us.” Brought to you by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Prayer — when you absolutely, positively need God’s help.
- You don’t like it when we ring your doorbell. You don’t like it when we say grace before meals. You don’t like it when we leave Bibles in hotel rooms. You don’t like it when we say we’ll pray for you. So why do Christians do these things? Because friends don’t let friends miss out on the Gospel.
- The Church is God’s way of leaving the light on.
- Picture a cracked egg. That’s your soul. Picture an Easter egg. That’s your soul after you invite Jesus in. Any questions?
- Morning prayer — don’t leave home without it.
- I want to be someone who loves the Savior. That is what I’d really like to be. Cuz if I am someone who loves the Savior, God can send his love to you through me.
- Religious education — Kid tested. Blessed Mother approved.
- Prayer — Those nighttime crying pacing sighing regretting upset frightened feelings so you can rest medicine.
- If you can give a dime, you can give a dollar. If you can say you’re sorry, you can make amends. If you can bite your tongue, you can speak with kindness. If you can hear the Gospel, you can help a stranger. If you can weep at sunsets, you can praise the Lord. If you can dream of heaven, you can follow Christ. Holiness — just do it.
- RCIA — You’ve got questions; we’ve got answers.
- Someday the Energizer bunny will stop, Coke will go flat and McDonalds will go vegan. On that day, when you realize just how empty the world’s promises are, turn to me. I’m Jesus Christ, savoir of the world, and my father approved this promise.

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# Saints

## Our Lady of Fatima

20th century  
May 13



Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican last October 13, Pope Francis stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary. © Catholic News Service

# Joe Heller



# Diversions



## Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

"May" I ask you a question, Heraldites? How are you enjoying this beautiful Easter season? I hope your festivities celebrating the Risen Lord are still going strong as we enter a new month. I also hope you are eager to answer more Catholic trivia below!

### 1) Saints

Which of the following is true about St. Rita of Cascia, whose feast day is celebrated May 22?

- a) She was married and had two sons
- b) She became a nun at the monastery of St. Mary Magdalene in Cascia
- c) She was beatified in the 1600s and canonized almost 275 years later
- d) All of the above

### 2) Scripture

Which psalm contains the line, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit"?

- a) Psalm 23
- b) Psalm 34

- c) Psalm 51
- d) Psalm 118

### 3) Current events

Pope Francis is scheduled to make his first visit as pontiff May 24-26 to which part of the world?

- a) Holy Land
- b) Africa
- c) Korea
- d) Central America

### 4) Picture



Which Hawaii church is shown in the picture here?

- a) St. Benedict Church, Big Island

- b) St. Gabriel Church, Maui
- c) St. Roch Church, Oahu
- d) St. Philomena Church, Molokai

### 5) Sacraments

True or false: The sacrament of Confirmation can be administered to a Catholic as young as roughly 7 years old, the "age of discretion" determined by the church.

- a) True
- b) False

### 6) Devotions

The Marian "Miraculous Medal" was inspired by apparitions of the Blessed Mother to which French saint?

- a) St. Bernadette Soubirous
- b) St. Therese of Liseux
- c) St. Catherine Labouré
- d) St. Louis de Montfort

### 7) Hawaii's saints

After St. Damien de Veuster was ordained a priest on May 21, 1864 in Honolulu, where was he assigned?

- a) Kalawao, Molokai
- b) Wailuku, Maui
- c) Puna, Big Island
- d) Kakaako Branch Hospital, Honolulu

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

## Umbert the Unborn



## Scripture search

PAT KASTEN

### Gospel for May 11, 2014

John 10:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| ENTER       | CLIMBS   | A THIEF   |
| A ROBBER    | SHEPHERD | SHEEP     |
| GATEKEEPER  | HEAR     | HIS VOICE |
| CALLS       | BY NAME  | FOLLOW    |
| STRANGER    | FIGURE   | JESUS     |
| CAME BEFORE | SAVED    | PASTURE   |
| STEAL       | DESTROY  | HAVE LIFE |

### SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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## Catholic crossword

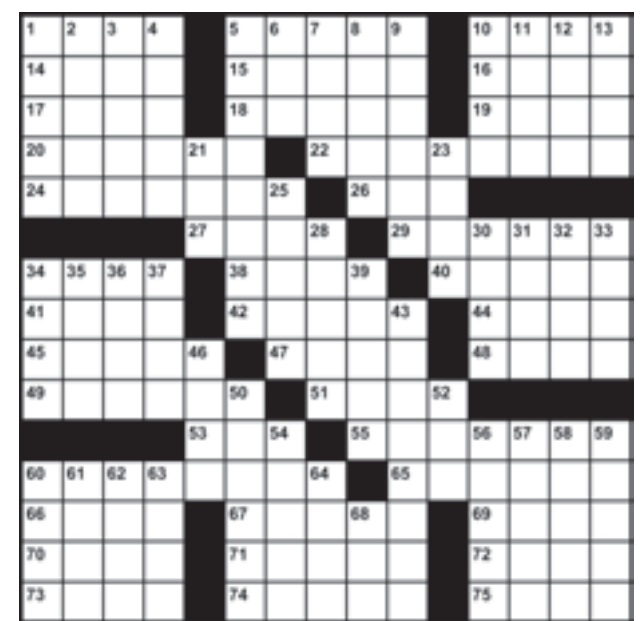
### ACROSS

- 1 Catholics Ted Kennedy and Alec Guinness
- 5 Sister of Judah
- 10 Lenten foliage
- 14 Second woman mentioned by name in the Bible (Gen 4:19)
- 15 Terse bridge bid
- 16 Scent
- 17 The soldiers put a scarlet one on Jesus (Mt 27:28)
- 18 Currency units
- 19 Leaf of a book
- 20 "Great" teacher of Aquinas
- 22 Prestigious
- 24 Patron saint of farmers
- 26 Yang's compliment
- 27 Word bk.
- 29 "\_\_\_ Fideles"
- 34 "It was \_\_\_ joke."
- 38 Launch grp.
- 40 The Lord, in Madrid (with "El")
- 41 Agape \_\_\_
- 42 Take off the board
- 44 Infatuated
- 45 Vatican news service
- 47 Cart for heavy loads
- 48 Vacation sites
- 49 Rash
- 51 Jolly Roger hand
- 53 Science rm.

### DOWN

- 55 Pertaining to fire
- 60 Strangle
- 65 Moses, for one
- 66 Genesis weather
- 67 One of the prophets
- 69 Landed
- 70 "\_\_\_ Kleine Nacht Musik"
- 71 Abraham was probably glad to see this in the desert
- 72 Sandwich shop
- 73 Part of BPOE
- 74 British guns
- 75 The Garden

### Answer to previous puzzle



- |   |                              |                                   |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 12 Booth  | briefly?                     | ___ of the earth" (Mt 5:13)       |
| 13 TV horse, of course                                    | 31 Crack                     | 50 Pity                           |
| 21 "...thy ___ and thy staff, they comfort me." (Ps 23:4) | 32 Garment of ancient Rome   | 52 Vane reading                   |
| 23 "...to the ___ of the earth." (Acts 1:8)               | 33 Gaslight and Good Feeling | 54 Puff up                        |
| 25 American-greetings.com product                         | 34 Radio bands (abbr.)       | 56 Elude                          |
| 28 Former Russian rulers                                  | 35 Princess from Alderaan    | 57 Greased                        |
| 30 Head shots,  | 36 1949 Gatsby portrayer     | 58 Beneficial                     |
|   | 37 Knighted Catholic actor   | 59 Start to have an effect        |
|   | 39 "Same here"               | 60 Plant in the story of the fall |
|   | 43 Monocle                   | 61 "___ Mary"                     |
|   | 46 "You are the              | 62 Skating arena                  |
|   |                              | 63 Singles                        |
|   |                              | 64 Being (Lt.)                    |
|   |                              | 68 Aachen article                 |



## Catholic roll call

**VATICAN CITY** — The number of Catholics in the world and the number of priests, permanent deacons and religious men all increased in 2012, while the number of women in religious orders continued to decline, according to Vatican statistics.

The number of candidates for the priesthood also showed its first global downturn in recent years.

The statistics come from a recently published Statistical Yearbook of the Church, which reported worldwide church figures as of Dec. 31, 2012.

By the end of 2012, the worldwide Catholic population had reached 1.228 billion, an increase of 14 million or 1.14 percent. Catholics as a percentage of the global population remained essentially unchanged from the previous year at around 17.5 percent.

However, the latest Vatican statistical yearbook estimated there were about 4.8 million Catholics who were not included in its survey because they were in countries that could not provide an accurate report, mainly China and North Korea. (Catholic News Service)

## Sanctity of sports

**VATICAN CITY** — Soccer fan Pope Francis urged professional athletes to always be sportsmanlike on and off the field because so many people, especially kids, look up to them.

The pope also said he wished all sports could be about celebration, not money and big business, which risk “tainting everything.”

The pope made his remarks during an audience May 2 with the top two ranking Italian major league soccer teams before the squads — Fiorentina and Napoli — were to hit the pitch in Rome and vie for the Italian Cup championship title the next day.

The pope explained that sports have important educational value because they contribute to personal growth, highlight the harmony of body and spirit, foster social development and promote the values of “solidarity, loyalty and respect.”

“May soccer always develop this potential,” he said, adding that he hoped the next day’s championship would be “a wonderful celebration.” (CNS)

## Pope nears beatification

**VATICAN CITY** — Pope Paul VI, who led the church between the pontificates of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II, may be beatified in October, an Italian Catholic magazine reported.

Credera, a magazine run by the Pauline Fathers, reported April 24 that the alleged miracle needed for Pope Paul’s beatification would be considered by the cardinal members of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes May 5. The cardinals’ recommendation would be given to Pope Francis, who could order the publication of a decree recognizing the healing as a miracle.

The Italian magazine said the beatification Mass likely would be celebrated in October, probably Oct. 19, the final day of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family. (CNS)

# Mana'olana

FOR THE  
YOUNG ADULT  
CATHOLIC

## Movie review | The Amazing Spider-Man 2

### Action! Thrills! Romance! Niceness!

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

## NEW YORK

Patrons are unlikely to walk away from the overstuffed but diverting 3-D comic-book sequel “The Amazing Spider-Man 2” (Columbia) feeling that they’ve failed to get their money’s worth. In fact, director Marc Webb’s follow-up to his 2012 reboot covers enough material for at least a movie and a half.

In doing so, the film showcases a good deal of mostly stylized mayhem that’s too intense for little kids. But the positive use to which the web-slinger — once again played by Andrew Garfield — puts his powers, together with a script that’s virtually free of objectionable vocabulary, makes this adventure acceptable for just about everyone else.

Garfield brings an appealing — and approachable — goofiness, both to his titular persona and to the superhero’s alter ego, average teen Peter Parker. Peter’s high school graduation provides the setting for some early scenes during which we see that Spider-Man is so busy protecting the people of New York that Peter misses his girlfriend Gwen Stacy’s (Emma Stone) valedictorian address and barely arrives in time to claim his own diploma.

Webb gives those viewers who may not have seen his earlier movie only a minimum of information about Spider-Man and how he got that way. He does let us know, via flashbacks, that Peter’s father (Campbell Scott) was a genetics researcher with



CNS photo/Sony

Andrew Garfield stars in a scene from the movie “The Amazing Spider-Man 2.”

uber-conglomerate Oscorp who, together with Peter’s Mom (Embeth Davidtz), disappeared under mysterious circumstances when Peter was still a small child.

Raised by his kindly Aunt May (Sally Field) and now-deceased Uncle Ben, Peter’s quest to learn the truth about his parents led to his being bitten by a genetically altered arachnid — with results familiar to every 4-year-old who cherishes a “Spidey” figurine.

While Peter’s initial conflict involved balancing his new powers with a concomitant sense of responsibility, he now struggles to reconcile the dangers of his mission with

his desire to safeguard Gwen. Is there any way for him to do so short of parting with her forever?

Romantic troubles have to be put on the back burner, though, when a new foe for Spider-Man emerges in the person of Electro (Jamie Foxx). The confused victim of a power-grid accident at Oscorp headquarters, Electro angrily hurls bolts of his namesake form of energy hither and yon, disturbing the denizens of Times Square and testing even Spider-Man’s ability to contain him.

As Peter continues to probe the circumstances of his parents’ long-ago depar-

ture, he has a fraught reunion with his best friend from childhood, Oscorp heir Harry Osborn (Dane DeHaan). Afflicted with a fatal hereditary disease, Harry believes that Spider-Man can help to cure him, and he’s desperate to arrange a meeting with the wall-crawler.

Did we mention that there’s also a crazed Russian gangster named Aleksei Sytsevich (Paul Giamatti) in the offing?

Giddy special effects and a lively pace help pass the long running time and make the excess of storylines somewhat less noticeable. More substantially, moviegoers will appre-

ciate Spider-Man’s knack for making the ordinary people he routinely rescues feel good about themselves. He thus not only battles evil but affirms and encourages goodness as well.

The film contains much action violence, including torture, a single crass expression and a mild oath. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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## Christina Capecchi

TWENTY SOMETHING

### The big reveal: looking back at God’s plan

Blue or pink? That was the secret contained in the cake.

My younger brother and his wife are always looking for an excuse to throw a themed-party — a World Series game for the Cardinals, an end-of-the-world prediction, the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. They couldn’t resist the opportunity to kick-start the celebration of their firstborn by hosting a gender-reveal party, so we gathered on a chilly Sunday afternoon to learn about the baby due in July.

A gender-reveal party takes the news captured at an ultrasound and announces it in a more dramatic fashion: pulling a sheet out of an envelope, Oscars style; slicing into a blue- or pink-colored cake; opening a box of balloons. The concept took off in 2011, according to BabyCenter.com, which reported an explosion of discussion threads. It is the antithesis of a baby shower, heavy on obligation and estrogen. A gender-reveal party centers on the surprise, delivering a

sweet pay-off for a breathless audience — the promise of big news and bakery-made cake.

Its popularity has surged with Pinterest, where pregnant women dream up a million ways to decorate with light pink and powder blue. My brother hung a cascade of pink and blue balloons in the entrance of his home and used his pitcher’s arm to fling crepe paper onto the ceiling fan in his two-story great room.

When Tony and Jodie lifted a slice of blue cake, I felt a flicker of that hospital thrill right there in the dining room. My voice broke when I congratulated him. “You’re going to have a son!”

Later that day, after I’d downloaded my pictures, I found myself thinking about the idea of a big reveal. So few major events can be known in advance through an announcement or alert.

It’s in the looking back, not looking ahead, that we can trace the hand of God. We are guided along in extraor-

inary ways, through ordinary means. For Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, a 90-year-old Sister of St. Joseph, it was the neighbor girl who happened to attend a Catholic high school and persuaded her to enroll, which led to her conversion to Catholicism and pursuit of religious life. For my husband, the impromptu decision to stop at my college one afternoon — which turned out to be registration day — led our paths to cross.

Disappointments also take on new meaning in retrospect. My friend Natalie’s labor did not go according to her labor plan — which, she later told me, was apt preparation for parenthood.

Learning to deal with the space between fantasy and reality is how we grow up. For one mother of five, praying a daily rosary takes the edge off pinched holiday expectations, helping her keep calm and carry on when her visions of a Victorian Christmas go unfulfilled.

When I review my 20s, I can see

how an unwelcome no paved the way to a blessed yes. Doors we never would’ve closed on our own lead to opened windows, once we pick ourselves up and look around. Sorrow softens us, kneading our hearts into doughier, more compassionate organs.

This long winter has reminded me that I can’t mastermind my future with a spreadsheet and a stopwatch. Life doesn’t unfold in even numbers and rhyming couplets. I’m learning what it means to be open to life, the church’s charge to married couples, on a broad level. It can be scary to trust God, to dive headfirst when you can’t see the net beneath you. But I want to operate on grace, not strategy. I’m entering into Easter, the ultimate surprise.

God’s plan for my life is different from mine — and, I have no doubt, better.

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**Quote**

"The days of old, fat, balding bishops being the best spokespeople is long gone, if they were ever really here at all."

| Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, in his keynote address April 28 at a conference for Catholic communicators sponsored by the school of church communications at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome. Among his tips for the communicators were to remember always that they are Catholic and to speak the truth, "even when we are dealing with bad news... people expect utter honesty and transparency from the church." (Catholic News Service)

**PROFILE****Alva Sana**

Young adult minister, Sacred Heart Church, Waiānae



**Favorite Scripture quote:** It is not a quote from the Bible but I like this quote from St. Francis of Assisi: "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

**Food:** Chocolate

**Holiday:** Easter

**Island:** Molokai

**Plate lunch:** Chicken katsu

**Prayer:** Psalm 91

**Potato salad or mac salad:** Potato

**Tattoos:** No tattoo

**SAINTS UNDER 40****Working for reform**

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria turned from the secular world to seek reform in the church, endorsing a number of rituals

and founding several religious congregations. St. Anthony was born in Cremona, Italy, in 1502, and was

cared for by his widowed mother. He received his medical degree at age 22 but became attracted to religious life while working among the poor in his native city.

He was ordained a priest at 26, eventually helping to organize religious communities deemed the Barnabites (inspired by St. Paul the Apostle and named for his companion, St. Barnabas) in an attempt to reform Italy's decadent society. St. Anthony also encouraged the Forty Hours devotion and greater Eucharistic adoration, and called for church bells to be rung at 3 p.m. on Fridays.

St. Anthony fell ill while on a mission and had to return to his hometown, where he died in 1539. Decades later his body was found to be incorruptible; he was declared a saint in by Pope Leo XIII in 1897. (americancatholic.org, catholic-newsagency.com)

# 'Boxers & Saints'

## An award-winning graphic novel tells a story of faith and rebellion in China

By Mark Judge

Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK**

"Boxers & Saints" (First Second Books), a two-volume graphic novel written and drawn by Gene Luen Yang, is an example of comic art at its best.

Author Yang is a practicing Catholic who teaches computer science at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, Calif., (where Bishop Larry Silva graduated). But "Boxers & Saints" is more than simple cartoon evangelization. It's a subtle and colorful work that keeps the faith while acknowledging that sometimes there are no easy answers in life.

No surprise, then, that "Boxers & Saints" has just been awarded the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult Literature.

Yang's subject is the Boxer Rebellion, the anti-foreign, anti-Christian movement that roiled China from 1898 to 1900. "Boxers," the first volume in the set, tells the story of Bao, a young man who becomes a leader in the uprising.

"Saints," by contrast, is the tale of Four-Girl, a young woman who has visions of St. Joan of Arc, becomes a Catholic and adopts the name Vibiana. The two characters ultimately come face to face on opposite sides of the political and religious divide.

There is no sexual content in "Boxers & Saints," but there is violent action. Yet Yang's art is very simple, the lines very basic — something on the order of a marginally more sophisticated version of



"Peanuts." Additionally, Yang's depiction of violence is always driven by events and never involves gratuitous gore.

Though clearly not meant for young children, "Boxers &

Saints" could be a very useful teaching tool, both for teens and for those adults who may not be familiar with the period in which it's set.

While living with his

family in the small Chinese village of Shan-tung (Shandong in real life), Bao meets Red Lantern Chu, an itinerant kung fu master. After Red Lantern is executed by the

imperial army, Bao forms a small armed band to march on Peking and take control of China back from Christian missionaries and their Chinese sympathizers.

During the rebellion, official China was split between those who supported the Boxers and those who favored conciliation. Thus Bao and his fellow warriors are often unsure which side any given person is on.

They draw strength from Chinese gods and dislike Christians — both Chinese ones, whom Bao calls "secondary devils," and those from the West. A Catholic priest, Father Bey, is shown smashing an idol and demanding that the villagers worship "the one God, Jesus Christ."

Yet in "Saints" Yang shows the other side of the conflict. Four-Girl — who received her unusual moniker because her family couldn't bear to give her a proper name after three other children died in infancy — is subjected to multiple misfortunes. She's called a devil by her grandfather, physically assaulted by family members, and driven from her home.

Retreating into the woods, Four-Girl encounters a vision of Joan of Arc, another strong young woman. St. Joan convinces Four-Girl to convert to Catholicism. Now called Vibiana, she is schooled and helped by Father Bey.

As they both approach Peking, Bao and Vibiana are on a collision course. The outcome should be left to readers, but this much can be said without fear of a spoiler: The conclusion is realistic, understated and moving.

**LISA'S CATECHISM CORNER**

Church teaching explained to you

**Why do we yearn for happiness?**

**YOUCAT\*:** "God has placed in our hearts such an infinite desire for happiness that nothing can satisfy it but God himself. All earthly fulfillment gives us only a foretaste of eternal happiness. Above and beyond that, we should be drawn to God." [1718-1718, 1725]

I was in Washington, D.C., last week and, while visiting the National Mall, I walked past a group of middle schoolers who had T-shirts which read, "Because I'm Happy."

There's a popular song on the radio these days and one line of the chorus is: "Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth, because I'm happy."

We all want to be happy. I read a study once that said 50 percent of our happiness is genetic, 10 percent is based upon circumstance and 40 percent is based on the choices that we make.

That last statistic is huge — what kind of choices do you make? Do they make you happy? The season of Easter is 50 days of joyous celebrating, a time to be happy. Cardinal Timothy Dolan once said: "An evangelist must be a person of joy — someone who smiles."

So, come on, clap along and be happy! Christ is risen!

\*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

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**MAKANA'S HELPFUL HINTS**

Exciting ways to enhance young adult ministry

**The heart to serve**

Tomorrow is my cousin's birthday. I always try to remind him that his birthday is also the feast day of St. Damien of Molokai. Usually I just mention it, but this year I can't just mention it because we celebrate 150 years since he first arrived in our island home!

Over the next four days, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (to whom he belonged) will celebrate this joyous celebration with Mass, music and adoration tonight, a ceremony at the capitol Saturday, and a family night and benefit concert Monday.

Why all the fuss? As Dann Ebina would say, "He's awesome!"

St. Damien is Hawaii's first saint. He willingly served the patients of Kalaupapa knowing he would most likely die with them. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

Visit the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace downtown, the very place St. Damien was ordained a priest. See his relic. Pray in front of the tabernacle and ask his intercession for someone in your life. On the feast day of St. Damien, I greet my cousin Jeremy, "Happy Birthday," and pray for the intercession of St. Damien in carrying out the work God has planned for him.

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