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Solemn procession

Dozens of faithful trekked from the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace June 22 for the annual Eucharistic procession commemorating the feast of Corpus Christi. Bishop Larry Silva, in the above photo with Deacon Keith Galang, led the procession, taking turns with other clergy holding the Eucharist encased in gold monstrance throughout the 1.25-mile procession. Procession participants stopped at various sites along the way to pray and sing hymns.

Photos by Darlene Dela Cruz

Official notices

Bishop's calendar

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

- July 6, 8:30 am, Installation of Fr. Edgar Brilliant as Pastor of Our Lady of the Mount Church, Kalihi. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- July 12-14, Pilgrimage to Topside Molokai and Kalaupapa with seminarians of the Diocese.
- July 13, 9:00 am, Confirmation

Mass for St. Damien of Molokai Church, Kaunakakai.

- July 15, 9:30 am, Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council, Chancery, downtown Honolulu; 6:00 pm, Vigil for the Deceased for Msgr. Alan Nagai, Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu [Fr. Gary Secor]
- July 16, 10:00 am, Funeral Mass for Msgr. Alan Nagai, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Pearl City.

Announcements/Appointments

- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend German Somera as Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Lihue, effective July 1, 2014.
- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend William Shannon as the Director of Seminarians of the Diocese of Honolulu, effective July 1, 2014.
- Bishop Silva has appointed Deacon Jim Dougherty, Ph.D., a deacon of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Jo-

seph, who now lives on the island of Hawaii, to diaconal ministry at St. Theresa Parish, Mountain View, effective July 1, 2014.

- Bishop Larry Silva announces that Father Arnold Ortiz, formerly a member of the Oblates of St. Joseph, was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Honolulu on June 12, 2014. His status changed from Administrator to Pastor of St. Elizabeth Church, Aiea, effective July 1, 2014.

Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST



50 years ago — July 3, 1964

Catholics of Hawaii welcomed the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary Monday as they stepped ashore from the Lurline. The Sisters arrived from Adrian, Michigan, where they have done postgraduate work in elementary education in preparation for staffing the new St. Elizabeth's School in Aiea, which will open this September. The Sisters and their home towns are (left to right) Sister Caridad, O.P. from Zarraga, Sister Helene, O.P., from Maasin, Sister Juanita, O.P. from Lapaz and Sister Visitation, O.P. from Bintgle. All are from the Province of Iloilo. Sister Visitation is returning to the Philippines. Another Sister, who also will be superior of the group, will arrive at a later date. Father Philibert Vanfrachem, SS.CC., is the pastor in Aiea.

25 years ago — July 7, 1989

Fullness of Church

"Isn't it fabulous!" beamed Sr. Kathleen. "It's the fullness of Church."

Sr. Kathleen Marie Shields, CSJ, was speaking of the Catechetical and Pastoral Institute of Hawaii sponsored for the past two weeks by the Diocese of Honolulu. This is the sixth year of the institute which is held annually at Damien Memorial High School. ...

The growth of the institute over the years has been impressive and is a tribute to Sr. Kathleen's untiring efforts. This year the institute boasts over 383 students, 26 faculty and 28 course offerings. Participants from 45 parishes and 15 schools represented every major island in Hawaii.

"The challenge," said Sr. Kathleen, "is to take this and let it nurture the parish communities, sort of like how Sunday Eucharist nurtures us through the workaday week."

10 years ago — July 2, 2004

South Seas bishop

"We are the way the Hawaiian Islands were like 100 years ago. You can't build a building higher than a coconut tree. There is only one road around the island coast. There are plenty of good beaches, though, and it's good for family holidays."

That's how Bishop Stuart F. O'Connell begins to describe his diocese — the Diocese of Rarotonga in the Cook Islands, 15 tiny Polynesian dots scattered over an expanse of more than 772,000 square miles of ocean about 3,000 miles south of Hawaii.

The white haired, blue-eyed bishop was in Hawaii last month staying with fellow Marist Father John Sullivan at Star of the Sea Parish, Waialae-Kahala. On vacation, the bishop also used the visit to raise funds for the rebuilding of his diocese's St. Joseph School. ...

His first eight years as a priest was spent as a teacher and principal in New Zealand. He worked in Western Samoa for 12 years and in Marist administration in New Zealand for 11 more ... The pope appointed him Bishop of Rarotonga in 1997.

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The saga of Our Lady of Peace

The story of how a 500-year-old wedding present came to determine the name of the Honolulu cathedral

July 9 is the feast of Our Lady of Peace, the patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu after whom the Hawaii cathedral is named.

By Father Louis H. Yim
Special to the Herald

Our cathedral in downtown Honolulu is named after a little statue of the Blessed Mother carved from an unknown dark hardwood in the early 1500s in France.

The story is told that a certain Jean de Joyeuse presented the statue as a wedding gift to his young bride, Françoise de Voisins. Excluding its pedestal, the figure stands only 11 inches tall, and is fashioned in the Renaissance style of the period. Mary is depicted as a dignified Grecian matron with the Christ Child on her left arm and an olive branch in her right hand.

The statue was known as the “Virgin of Joyeuse” and became a cherished heirloom of the Joyeuse family through the years that followed. Our account of this little Madonna is derived from scattered historical conjectures.

In the 1570s, the statue was passed down to Henri Joyeuse, a grandson of Jean de Joyeuse. After Henri’s young wife Catherine died early in their marriage, Henri made a significant personal decision that would determine the destiny of the “Virgin of Joyeuse.” Around the year 1588, he joined the Capuchin Franciscans in Paris and, under the religious name Brother Ange, faithfully served this religious community for the remainder of his life.

When Henri entered the monastery, he brought the family statue with him. And here with the Capuchin community she would remain for the next 200 years.

Through these two centuries this sacred figure was venerated and invoked by the people of the region. In time she was bestowed with an appropriate name. With the olive branch in her hand and the Prince of Peace on her arm, she was acclaimed Notre Dame de Paix ... Our Lady of Peace! Her popularity increased. In 1657 the Capuchin community erected a larger chapel to accommodate the growing number of faithful who sought her intercession. That year, before a large crowd which included King Louis XIV, the papal nuncio to France blessed and solemnly enthroned the Blessed Mother’s statue. The date was July 9. Pope Alexander VII would later designate this date for the Capuchin community to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Peace.

The French Revolution

The French Revolution, which erupted in 1789, added a major twist to the continuing saga of Our Lady of Peace. Amid the political upheaval the relentless attacks on the Catholic Church drove the Capuchin Franciscan monks from their monastery. They took with them their beloved Madonna to prevent her destruction by the ransacking rebels. Our Lady would quietly remain hidden throughout this chaotic period of France’s history.



When peace had been restored in the land, a certain pious woman, Madame Coipel, brought the statue out of hiding and entrusted it to her spiritual director, a priest in Paris. The priest gave the statue to a nun who, on May 6, 1806, enshrined it in a convent chapel in the Picpus district of Paris. The priest’s name was Father Marie-Joseph Pierre Coudrin and the nun was Mother Henriette Aymer de la Chevalerie. Together they were the co-founders, in the year 1800, of a community of sisters, brothers and priests — the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The members were also known more simply as the Picpus or Sacred Hearts religious.

A new era had begun for the statue of Our Lady of Peace. For well over 200 years she has found a welcome home in this convent chapel in Paris. On July 9, 1906, celebrating her centennial year there, Our Lady was honored by the Archdiocese of Paris. In a formal ceremony, Archbishop Leon Adolphe Amette placed golden

Above, the original 500-year old statue of Our Lady of Peace enshrined in the Sacred Hearts Congregation’s convent chapel in Paris. Right, this article’s author, left, and a friend decorating Honolulu’s statue of Our Lady of Peace on the eve of her feast, probably around 1950.

crowns on the heads of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child. The old olive branch in her hand was replaced with one made of glistening gold.

In 1954, during the Marian Year, another honor was bestowed on her. Our Lady of Peace, along with Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, both from Paris, were privileged to join the assembly of “crowned Virgins” of



the world in a celebration at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Today the little Madonna continues to stand tall in a high niche of an elaborate shrine in the convent

chapel on Rue de Picpus (Picpus Street) in Paris.

To the Islands

Called to preach the Catholic faith in Hawaii, the Sacred Hearts missionaries brought with them their devotion to Our Lady of Peace. In 1843, they dedicated and named the cathedral in Honolulu after her. Half a century later, in 1893, they erected a magnificent statue of Our Lady of Peace on the venerable Fort Street mission grounds near the cathedral. The statue was not exactly a copy of the little Madonna in Paris. Our Lady in Honolulu was a Grecian mother fashioned in classic Renaissance mode but, cast in heavy bronze, she was an impressive life-size figure placed high on a pedestal under a bright blue Hawaiian sky.

Hawaii’s Bishop Gulstan Ropert had set the blessing of the statue for Christmas Eve. The local newspaper, the Pacific Commercial Advertiser, published its account in the Dec. 26, 1893, edition: “At 2:30 o’clock on Sunday afternoon, His Lordship, assisted by the clergy, unveiled the statue of Our Lady of Peace, patroness of the church. A large crowd of people were present.”

The large crowd was made up of mostly Portuguese Catholics from the city’s growing Punchbowl district. Also present was a multitude of school children from two nearby thriving Catholic institutions, Sacred Hearts Convent on Fort Street and St. Louis College on River Street.

After the unveiling of the statue, the bishop spoke of the struggling days of the Catholic persecution in Hawaii. He recalled the unforgettable Christmas Eve of 1831 when Father Alexis-Jean Augustin Bachelot, Hawaii’s first Catholic missionary, was forced from the Fort Street mission compound and, “escorted by a soldier beating a drum,” led to the Honolulu wharf to be banished from the islands. Those difficult years, thanks be to God, have passed, Bishop Ropert said. Today, he concluded, we pray for the Lord’s continued blessings and Our Lady’s intercession for the mission in the days ahead.

We have come to the end of our story on Our Lady of Peace. But one final word needs mentioning. The Hawaiian word for peace is “malu.” “Maria o ka malu” is one of the names inscribed in the statue’s pedestal. Peace is normally defined as the “absence of war” or the “ending of hostilities.” “Malu” also means that, but the basic meaning of this Hawaiian word is much broader. The Hawaiian dictionary defines “malu” as “shelter,” “protection,” “safe.” Applying this understanding to our Lady of Peace, then truly she is our Blessed Mother who shelters and protects and cares for us her children.

Maria o ka malu ... e pule o no makou. Mary of peace ... pray for us.

Father Yim, a retired priest of the Diocese of Honolulu, is a historian specializing in the Catholic Church in Hawaii.

Voter registration effort reports mixed results

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Very early feedback regarding the diocese's in-Mass voter registration effort two weeks ago showed mixed and incomplete results. Some parishes reported registering dozens of potential voters, while a few parishes did not participate.

Bishop Larry Silva had asked Hawaii parishes to register new voters during the Masses over the June 21-22 weekend in an effort to help more Hawaii Catholics fulfill what he said was their "moral obligation" to cast ballots in political elections.

The bishop instructed voter registration forms be passed out in the pews and that Mass-goers who

were not yet registered be invited to do so before the final blessing following instructions from the pulpit.

The Hawaii Catholic Conference office, which coordinated the project, was still in the process of collecting parish reports by the end of last week, hearing from fewer than half of them by Friday.

According to Hawaii Catholic Conference staff, several parishes reported that, while they did the drive, no one signed up. About six parishes reported only "a few" filled out the form.

The largest number of Mass-attendees filling out registration cards reported by one parish was 80. Other parish tallies were somewhat lower — 47, 30, 17, 25, 41, 6.

Some parishes said they did not conduct the drive or planned to do it over the weekend of June 28-29. Other parishes that had carried out the drive told the Hawaii Catholic Conference staff that they intended to repeat the process the following weekend.

Some parishes cited confusion regarding the process or a lack of communication to explain why they did not hold the drive.

The registration drive was mandatory for all parishes.

"We want to encourage every eligible voter to vote in the upcoming primary and general elections," the bishop wrote in a letter to Island Catholics introducing the drive.

"Knowing the candidates and the issues is an essential exercise

of our responsibility; but unless we vote, our voices will not be heard," he said.

"Hawaii has the lowest voter participation in the country," he added.

The bishop said that while the church cannot endorse candidates or political parties, he is asking citizens to vote for candidates who embody "the values that we hold dear as Catholics, not only for the good of our own Church, but for the common good."

He identified as "essential" values the respect for life, the sanctity of marriage, care for the poor and most vulnerable, and religious freedom.

Hawaii's 2014 primary election is Saturday, Aug. 9. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 4.



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A Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa parishioner fills out a voter registration card on June 22.



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MSGR. ALAN A. NAGAI | 1933-2014

Isle priest, respected veteran of parish, diocesan, religious life

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Msgr. Alan A. Nagai, an island priest for 56 years who served in 10 parishes and several high diocesan positions, died June 18 at Straub Medical Center in Honolulu after a brief illness. He was 81.



Msgr. Alan Nagai

He was retired and living in Honolulu.

A vigil of the deceased will be celebrated at 6 p.m., July 15, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace preceded by visitation and

viewing at 5 p.m. His funeral Mass is 10 a.m., July 16, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Pearl City with visitation and viewing beginning at 9 a.m. Bishop Larry Silva will preside at the funeral. Msgr. Terrence Watanabe will give the homily. Burial is at 2 p.m. at Hawaiian Memorial Park in Kaneohe.

Father Nagai was first a priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts who later became a diocesan priest. In addition to serving as an associate pastor and pastor over the course of five decades, he was also the diocese's vicar gen-

eral, moderator of the curia, vicar for priests and a member of various administrative committees and councils.

Vicar general Father Gary Secor described Father Nagai as a priest "well respected by the clergy as well as by the bishop."

"His number of years in parish assignments helped him to be aware of the challenges priests and parishioners face and, I believe, he always tried to be pastorally sensitive," Father Secor said.

Father Secor said Father Nagai was also "known to be very committed to stewardship and was a pioneer in that area in our diocese."

"He will be missed," the vicar general said.

Father Nagai was born Albert Nagai in Kilauea, Kauai, on Jan. 11, 1933, one of five children. At age 4 he moved with his family to Oahu where his father worked for the Kahuku Sugar Mill and his mother was a teacher at Kahuku Elementary and High Schools.

After completing Kahuku Elementary and Intermediate Schools, he attended St. Louis High School in Kaimuki, hitchhiking daily over the old Pali Road, according to a 1981 magazine interview.

At the urging of his pastor, Nagai entered Sacred Hearts Seminary in Hauula after high school.

"It will always be a mystery as to why I was chosen to be a priest," Father Nagai wrote on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of ordination. "I often wonder if I would ever have had the nerve to aspire after the priesthood if my pastor had not imposed upon me."

He said the idea initially "shocked" him.

He was with the Sacred Hearts Congregation for 14 years — eight years in formation, 12 years with religious vows, six of them as a priest — a fact he did not advertise too loudly later in life.

But it was a period of his life he valued as he explained in a 2001 letter to the editor of the Hawaii Catholic Herald.

"I shall always treasure the spiritual formation they [the Sacred Hearts Congregation] gave me, especially in regards to poverty and obedience. I guess I shall always remain a 'religious' in that way, not to mention other basic, spiritual values that I shall retain until death — God willing."

"I'm convinced that my transition to the diocesan priesthood was the result of God's gracious providence at work, that I ended up where I really belonged. I shall always remain, however, a product of my mixed background, a diocesan priest with religious training," he said.

He became a diocesan priest in

1967.

Albert Nagai took the religious name Alan when he entered the Sacred Hearts community and kept it for the rest of his life.

He studied at the seminary in Hauula and then at Queen of Peace Mission Seminary in Jaffrey, N.H., and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

After his ordination at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu on June 14, 1958, he taught at Sacred Hearts Seminary in Hauula from 1958 to 1964.

For the next 40 years, he worked as a parish priest, serving at some parishes more than once. He was pastor of St. Rita, Nanakuli, Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa; St. Sophia, Molokai; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City; St. Jude, Makakilo; St. Stephen, Nuuanu and Blessed Sacrament, Pauoa Valley. He also was assigned to other places as an associate pastor or administrator.

Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario in 1989 named him vicar general, the highest diocesan administrator after the bishop. He was also appointed moderator of the curia and vicar for priests.

Father Nagai served on the Priests' Senate, the Presbyteral Council, the diocesan finance committee and the diocesan administrative council and took the jobs of director of Parish Renewal

Experience and director of Stewardship Education.

On May 21, 1993, Bishop Ferrario announced his elevation to the title of monsignor along with three other priests. It was not a designation he preferred using.

Father Nagai commented on his calling to the priesthood six years ago with typical self-deprecating humor. "I underwent eight years of seminary formation to discern whether or not I had a vocation. I was relatively certain only when I was ordained, not before then. I have never had any strong desire or aspiration for any other career or vocation. Whether or not I have been a worthy priest, one thing is certain: I would have done far worse doing anything else."

"There are Catholics who are under the false impression that God only chooses the 'elite' (whatever that is!) for the priesthood," he said. "In reality, priests form a good cross-section of the Catholic family, from the top to the bottom and everything in between. I can only hope that I'm among the 'in-betweens.'"

Father Nagai is survived by his sister Therese Midori Nagai of Yonkers, N.Y.; 10 nieces and nephews, numerous grandnieces and grandnephews, and a great grandniece and grandnephew.

SISTER AURELIA SANCHEZ, OP | 1942-2014

Dominican Sister, a fragrant rose, served 45 years in Hawaii

By Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
Special to the Herald

Sister Aurelia Sanchez, whose life was like the roses she cultivated, was the director of Rosary Preschool in Waipio Gentry and a member of the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of the Philippines. She died June 25 at Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance, Calif., en route to a retreat in San Diego. Her pure and generous heart, which had labored ceaselessly for the Lord and the good of all, finally came to rest.

Sister Aurelia had turned 72 the day before she died, on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, and was looking forward to her golden jubilee of religious profession in 2015. She had served as an edu-

cator and congregational leader in Hawaii for 45 years and at schools on three islands.

Sister Aurelia was born on June 24, 1942, in Bacolod City, Philippines, to Dominico and Eduvijes Sanchez. She entered the convent in March 1963. In 1969, she boarded a Pan Am flight for her first mission to Hawaii. St. Catherine School in Kapaa, Kauai, welcomed her as their new principal and first Do-

minican, succeeding the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1972, Sister Aurelia became vice-principal of St. Joseph School in Makawao, Maui, where she served for seven years. This was followed by a five-year term as an eighth grade teacher at St. Elizabeth School in Aiea, Oahu.

In 1984, Sister Aurelia joined the faculty of St. John the Baptist School in Kalihi and two years later was named principal, a position she held until 1994. During that time, she was also engaged in graduate studies, receiving her master's degree in educational administration in 1993 from the University of San Francisco.

1996 began her long love affair with the students and families

of Rosary Preschool in Waipio. As the school's director she patiently encouraged her faculty and students to strive for their best. Her personal philosophy was: "to be a fulfilled Dominican religious and to enable others to reach their fulfillment in life through her own Christian witness."

In 2012 Rosary Preschool received recognition as an NAEYC accredited preschool. The Christian values instilled in the students continue to be passed on from generation to generation and from sibling to younger sibling.

Sister Aurelia also served the congregation as superior, regional councilor, secretary, and regional vicaress, watering the Hawaii region with wisdom and grace, and

as an advocate for truth.

Daily after school, she could be found in the convent garden with pruning shears or watering can in hand tending to the plants, especially to her prized roses. Her life was truly a serene and fragrant reflection of the antiphon of St. Dominic she prayed each night: "O light of the church, doctor of truth, rose of patience, ivory of chastity, you freely poured forth the waters of wisdom; preacher of grace unite us with the blessed."

Sister Aurelia is predeceased by her twin brothers and survived by her two sisters, Eduvijes G. Sanchez and Tesoro Guinson Sanchez Alvarez, both of the Philippines. When this story went to print, funeral arrangements were pending.



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Bishop 'disappointed' in passage of new statute of limitations bill

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Bishop Larry Silva expressed disappointment at the passing of a law that gives victims of child sexual abuse until April 24, 2016, to file civil lawsuits for cases where the statute of limitations had run out.

Gov. Neil Abercrombie on June 20 signed into law SB 2687, a bill that the Diocese of Honolulu had strongly opposed, which added two more years to a two-year window opened in 2012 by a previous law during which Hawaii child sex abuse victims can sue their abusers and the organizations responsible for supervising them no matter how long ago the incidents took place.

"I am disappointed that the legislators and the governor have decided to lift the statute of limitations for a second two-year period," the bishop told the Hawaii Catholic Herald in an email message. "The myth is that this will make children safer now, when in fact many of the alleged perpetrators are dead."

"The church is always concerned about minors who suffer sexual abuse, especially when the perpetrator is a clergyman, a religious or a church worker," Bishop Silva said. "We have been very diligent to do all we humanly can to see that such a thing never hap-

pens again."

The state legislature voted overwhelmingly in favor of SB 2687. The argument in support of the bill cited the heinous nature of child sex abuse and the fact that its severe, lasting and hidden psychological injuries could remain unacknowledged for years beyond the statute of limitations.

Before these two laws, the statute of limitations, the time limit for filing a lawsuit, had been set for two years after the plaintiff turned 18, although the courts allowed exceptions to that rule.

Arguing against SB 2687, Walter Yoshimitsu, director of the Hawaii Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the Diocese of Honolulu, said in testimony earlier this year that "because of the lapse of time, many institutions potentially subject to suit under this bill no longer have the ability to meaningfully defend themselves from such claims."

Explaining further, the bishop said, "The law really holds the institution which is understood to have employed or supervised the alleged perpetrator accountable for what its leaders may or may not have known or done a generation or two ago. Over the years potential witnesses die, their memories fade, and documentation — if it exists — is often no longer available."

Although the Catholic Church is not specifically mentioned in the new laws, the common perception is that the church's recent clergy sex abuse scandal provided an impetus for the legislation, which is why the diocese spoke out loudly against it.

And in fact, the rescinding of the statute of limitations from 2012 to 2014 resulted in 61 alleged victims coming forward seeking compensation from the Diocese of Honolulu. Most of the alleged incidents date back to the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

Bishop Silva said that church rules call for the disciplining of all clergy sex abusers, no matter how old the incident.

"In the case of a clergyman whose offense is proven credible, there is no statute of limitations. He is removed from ministry permanently, no matter when the abuse occurred," he said.

The 2012 law had exempted the state of Hawaii and its public entities, such as schools and prisons, from lawsuits. That exemption was removed in SB 2687.

The bishop said that change makes the present law "more fair than the previous law" but still not right.

"The same principles of justice that created statutes of limitations are now also equally discarded for public and private institutions," he said.

Hawaii Catholic Herald wins 8 Catholic journalism awards

The Hawaii Catholic Herald was mentioned eight times at the Catholic Media Conference awards ceremony June 20 in Charlotte, N.C., for two first-place honors, two second places and four honorable mentions.

The Hawaii Catholic Herald picked up a first place in the "best coverage of local politics" category for its news stories, commentary and photos on the legalization of same-sex marriage in Hawaii.

"Outstanding pictures and stories," the judges said.

Coming in second and third in that category were the newspapers for the archdioceses of Boston and San Francisco.

The Herald's Manaolana section won first place for "best reporting on a special age group — young adults." Taking second and

third were the Catholic Register of Toronto and The Criterion of Indianapolis.

"If you want to get to young people, you have to go where they are. Manaolana does this extremely well," the judges said, praising its content and its "lively look and layout."

Hawaii Catholic Herald writer Kathleen T. Choi took second place for "best spiritual life column" in a Catholic newspaper for her "In little ways" column.

The judges commented on her "nice, personal, well-focused" commentary, her "comfortable style of writing, conversational but not clichéd" and admired its "freshness."

Herald reporter and photographer Darlene Dela Cruz won three honorable mentions, one for "Con-

version stories," her articles and photos of catechumens preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil; another for "Journeying through Advent with Mary," her feature on Marian devotions leading up to Christmas; and the third for "Making hoop history: St. Francis boys division II champs" in the best sports news story category.

"Beautifully done," the judges wrote of Dela Cruz's "Conversion stories." "Strong photos and interesting stories. Well-written."

The Hawaii Catholic Herald also won a second place and an honorable mention for headline writing.

The annual conference is for members of the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada and the Catholic Academy of Communication Professionals.

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 These were among the first words Jesus spoke in his public ministry. Today these words echo in new and creative ministries in Hawaii.
 Recently, parishioners from the Kailua parishes of St. John Vianney and St. Anthony joined those of Star of the Sea Church in Kahala and St. Joseph in Waipahu supporting former women prison inmates seeking a healthy reintegration into society.
 The event was Family Day, organized by and for Women Supporting Women. WSW is a developing network of women who have exited the Women’s Community Correctional Center in Kailua. The organization focuses on health and wellness, housing, employment and education, and peer support.
 Family Day was a chance for the community to come together and enjoy the blessings of a joyful, caring, healing ohana.

WSW is connected with the United Church of Christ’s Pu’a Foundation whose mission is to help society improve its quality of life through acts of healing and reconciliation.
 In April, WSW joined a wide range of public, private and faith-based service providers at St. Stephen Diocesan Center to discuss how prisons can be places of healing. A month earlier, WSW gathered more than 300 folks at the Kapiolani Community College Culinary Institute to recognize those who are helping women return successfully to their families and communities.
 WSW is growing on Oahu and also on the Big Island where HOPE Services Hawaii helped it organize gatherings at Malia Puka O Kalani Parish in Keaukaha and St. Michael Parish in Kona. In July, WSW will have a retreat on Maui at St. Theresa Parish, Kihei.
 Parish support of persons reentering their communities from prison and reuniting with their families has become a major focus in the Catholic Church in the U.S. The national Catholic Social Ministry conference in St. Louis this summer will focus exclusively on faith-based prison re-entry programs.
 If you are interested in learning how you and your parish can become part of this dynamic ministry “to set prisoners free,” visit www.puafoundation.org, www.hope-serviceshawaii.org or www.officeforsocialministry.org.
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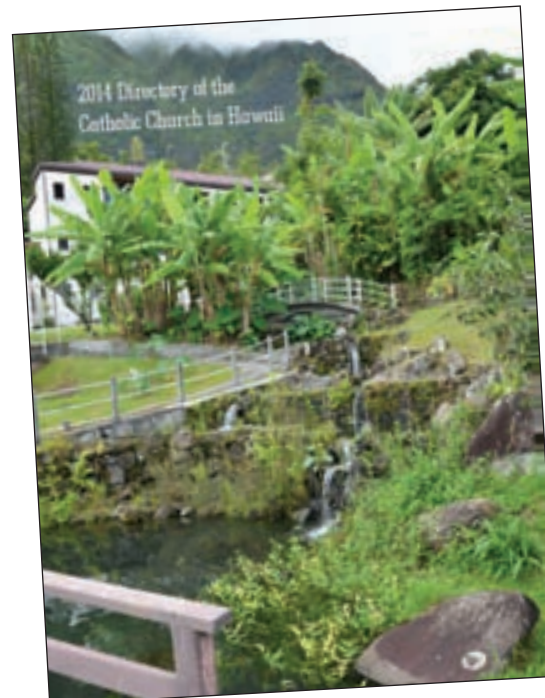
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Bishop incardicates Sacramento priest

Bishop Larry Silva incardinated Father Arnold Ortiz, administrator of St. Elizabeth Parish, Aiea, into the Diocese of Honolulu on June 12, the day the priest was issued an indult of departure from the Oblates of St. Joseph, the religious order to which he had belonged.



Father Arnold Ortiz

Father Ortiz' status changed from administrator of the Aiea

church to pastor on July 1.

A native of Sacramento, Calif., Father Ortiz was ordained for the California Province of the Oblates of St. Joseph on

Dec. 16, 1972, and has served in a number of California parishes.

In 2004, he became the founding pastor of St. Joseph Marelo Parish in Granite Bay, Calif.

Father Ortiz has worked in Hawaii for 19 months. Bishop Silva first assigned him as parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth on Jan. 23, 2013, and as administrator on Aug. 5, 2013.

Busy summer for Chuukese Catholic Community

Members of the Chuukese Catholic Community are gearing up for two special events this summer, aimed at fostering neighborhood service opportunities and celebrating fellowship among Micronesian youth.

On July 5, the community's "Summer Clean Up Project" will assign several teams to help spruce up Ala Moana, Sand Island and Keehi Lagoon parks in Honolulu, as well as Neal S. Blaisdell Park in Aiea. The parks,

according to Marvin Bernard of the Chuukese Catholic Community, are frequented by Oahu's Micronesian population.

The community's third annual track and field event for Micronesian youth will be held July 12-13 at Kaiser High School. Opening ceremonies will start at 9 a.m. on July 12, with races and festivities running until 5 p.m. The competition will continue July 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dozens of youth participants

from parishes on Oahu and the neighbor islands are expected to attend the track and field days. Teams will compete in several short and long distance races, from the 100-meter dash to the 2,400-meter dash. There will also be various relays. Prizes will be given to all teams.

For more information on the Chuukese Catholic Community events, call Marvin Bernard, 699-8891.

Fall golf tournament to benefit multiple charities

Get ready to "tee up" for a good cause this fall. The TGFG — "Thank God for Golf" — club will be hosting its first-ever Charity Golf Tournament Oct. 17 at Coral Creek Golf Course in Ewa Beach.

The TGFG club began in 2008 with a group of golf aficionados from St. Jude Catholic Church who gathered together for fellowship and fundraising on the links. The club has since grown to include more than 30 members and is headed by several officers who organize events to raise money for parishes, schools and charitable

organizations.

The Oct. 17 Charity Golf Tournament aims to benefit the Honolulu Community Action Program, Honolulu Diocese Clergy Pension Fund, Our Lady of Good Counsel School and the U.S. VETS Veterans Initiative Program at Barber's Point.

Players of all skill levels and ages are welcome to sign up. Three-person teams will compete on the course; cost to participate is \$160 per person or \$480 per team. The cost covers golf fees, cart rental, lunch, refreshments, dinner

with beverage and desserts, and a goody bag.

The tournament will also feature cash prizes, door prizes and live entertainment. Cutter Buick GMC of Waipahu will sponsor a 2014 Buick Encore as hole-in-one prize.

TGFG is a nonprofit charity organization. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, or to register for the tournament, contact Ed Campos at 286-5121 or Genara Buza-Campos at 927-4774, or email tgfg@hawaii.rr.com.

Lanakila Senior Center to sponsor candidates' fair

The Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii, will host a Candidates' Fair, 8-11 a.m., July 25, to introduce senior voters to local candidates in this year's elections.

Candidates running for governor, lieutenant governor and positions in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees are expected to attend the event.

Seniors will also have the opportunity to meet those seeking

office for the center's target geographic area, which spans from Ward Avenue to Fort Shafter. Scheduled to be at the fair are candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, State House of Representatives and City Council.

The fair also will have door prizes and free lunch. Parking onsite is limited, but street parking and a valet service will be

available.

The Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is located at 1640 Lanakila Avenue. It is financed in part by state funds appropriated to the Executive Office on Aging via contracts with the EOA and the City & County of Honolulu, Elderly Affairs Division.

Seniors interested in the July 25 Candidates' Fair can call 847-1322 for more information and to register to attend.

Spend a fiesta day in the country at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Waikane are inviting the public to their feast day celebration, July 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The "fiesta" will take place on the parish grounds at 48-

422 Kamehameha Highway. There will be Hawaiian food, hot malassadas, shave ice and a bake sale. Organizers are planning a silent auction, games and live entertainment, as well.

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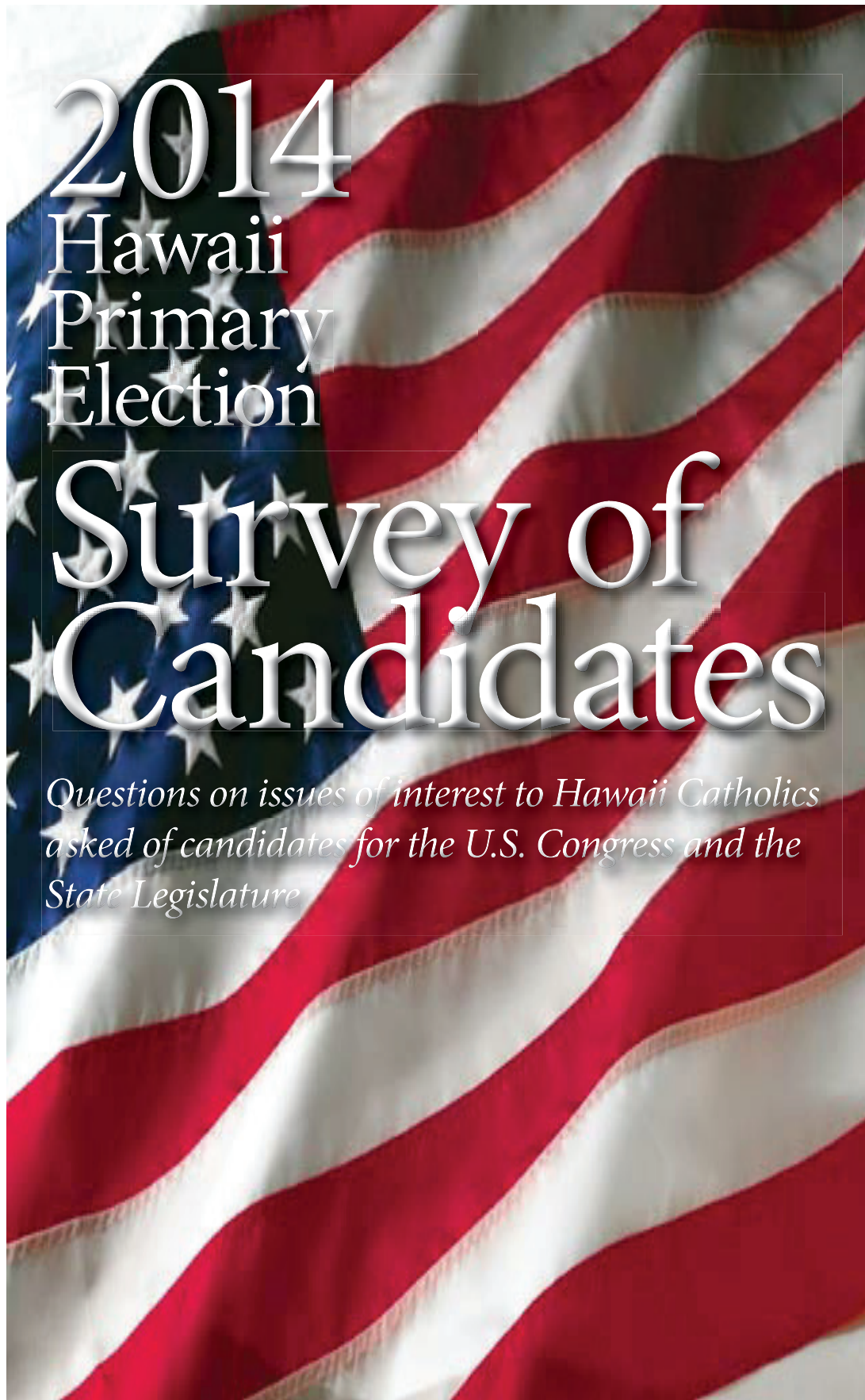
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Questions for candidates for U.S. Congress

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

U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. SENATOR

		QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6
N	ALLISON, Joy	896-0087	Y	N	Y	U	Y	Y
R	CAVASSO, Cam	306-3454	Y	Y	Y	N	U	Y
D	EVANS, Brian	494-4280	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
R	FRIEL, Harry J., Jr.		Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
D	HANABUSA, Colleen	587-7888	Did not respond to survey					
L	KOKOSKI, Michael	375-7140	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	PIRKOWSKI, Eddie		Did not respond to survey					
N	REYES, Arturo Pacheco	741-1916	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
R	ROCO, John P.	721-9845	Y	U	U	Y	U	U
D	SCHATZ, Brian	664-0062	Did not respond to survey					

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

		QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6
D	ANDERSON, Ikaika	224-3433	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y
D	CHANG, Stanley	778-5783	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
R	DJOU, Charles	228-1438	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	ESPERO, Will	294-9073	Did not respond to survey					
N	GRIFFIN, Calvin G	551-3701	Did not respond to survey					
D	KIM, Donna Mercado	521-1007	Did not respond to survey					
R	LEVENE, Allan	725-3149	U	Y	Y	U	N	U
D	MANAHAN, Joey	722-6468	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
N	MEYER, Robert H.	312-1213	Did not respond to survey					
D	TAKAI, Mark	330-6275	Did not respond to survey					
D	XIAN, Kathryn	387-2968	Did not respond to survey					

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2

		QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6
R	CAPELOUTO, Marissa D.	690-2887	Did not respond to survey					
R	CROWLEY, Kawika	381-9031	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
D	GABBARD, Tulsi	861-0793	Did not respond to survey					
L	KENT, Joe	507-382-0318	Did not respond to survey					

Questions for candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor

- 1 Would you sign into law a bill that would increase coordinated social services for ex-incarcerated persons being reintegrated into society and for their families?
- 2 Would you sign into law a bill that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in Hawaii?
- 3 Would you sign into law a bill eliminating the Hawaii State income tax paid for individuals and families with incomes under the federal poverty level? (e.g. 1 person - \$11,670, or, family of 4 - \$23,850)?
- 4 Would you sign into law a bill to continue to protect the right of religious organizations to refuse outside groups from using their facilities for activities related to same-sex marriage?
- 5 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish tuition tax credits or vouchers to help poor families choose the school they consider best for their children?
- 6 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish a state earned income tax credit for residents living on low incomes?
- 7 Would you sign into law a bill that would legalize any form of gambling in Hawaii?
- 8 Would you sign into law a bill that would increase state funds to develop more affordable housing in Hawaii?
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- 10 Would you sign into law a bill that would increase services for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence?
- 11 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish a Religious Freedom Restoration Act in Hawaii like that in 19 other states?
- 12 Would you sign into law a bill that would establish term limits for state legislators?

GOVERNOR		QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	ABERCROMBIE, Neil	589-2237	Did not respond to survey											
R	AIONA, Duke	203-7661	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	COLLINS, Charles Trump	965-8448	Did not respond to survey											
L	DAVIS, Jeff	554-7200	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	U	Y
N	DAVIS, Misty	492-7960	Did not respond to survey											
N	DEJEAN CALDWELL, Khis	545-3855	Did not respond to survey											
R	GREGORY, Stuart Todd	968-1090	U	U	N	N	N	Y	N	U	Y	N	U	U
I	HANNEMANN, Mufi	551-4972	Did not respond to survey											
D	IGE, David Yutaka	295-0602	Did not respond to survey											
N	MORSE, Richard	389-0499	Y	N	Y	N	N	U	U	*	Y	Y	N	Y
N	SPATOLA, Joseph R.	258-3707	Did not respond to survey											
D	TANABE, Van K. Tanaban	699-9250	Y	Y	Y	U	U	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	U

LT. GOVERNOR		QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	AHU, Elwin P.	534-0251	Did not respond to survey											
I	CHANG, Les	236-1817	Did not respond to survey											
D	HEE, Clayton	294-2085	Did not respond to survey											
L	MARLIN, Cynthia Lahi	965-0002	Did not respond to survey											
D	PULETASI, Sam	781-4229	Did not respond to survey											
D	SHIRATORI, Miles	383-5832	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	SUTTON, Warner Kimo	783-6322	Did not respond to survey											
D	TSUTSUI, Shan S.	250-5888	Did not respond to survey											
D	ZANAKIS, Mary	254-8825	Did not respond to survey											

Questions for candidates for the Hawaii State Legislature

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STATE SENATE		QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SENATE DISTRICT 1: portion of Paukaa, Piihonua, Kaumana, Waiakea, Keaukaha, portion of Hilo														
L	ARIANOFF, Gregory Kobata	990-0173	N	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	U	Y
D	KA'EHU'AE'A, Wendell	640-1435	Returned survey unanswered											
D	KAHELE, Gilbert	959-6579	Did not respond to survey											
SENATE DISTRICT 3: Naalehu, Kahuku, Milolii, Hookena, Kealia, Honaunau, Captain Cook, Kealakekua, Kainaliu, Keauhou, Kahaluu, Holualoa, Kailua-Kona, Honokohau														
D	GREEN, Josh	937-0991	Did not respond to survey											
L	LAST, Michael L.	929-8422	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
SENATE DISTRICT 4: Makalawena, Kaupulehu, Puuanahulu, Anaehoomalu, Waikoloa, Puako, Kawaihae, Waimea, Hawi, Halaula, Kukuihaele, Honokaa, Paauilo, Ookala, Laupahoehoe, Honohina, Hakalau, Honomu, Pepeekeo, Onomea, Papaikou, portion of Paukaa														
D	INOUYE, Lorraine Rodero	430-4230	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U	Y
L	SCHILLER, Alain	987-9866	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	SOLOMON, Malama	938-8353	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	U	Y	Y	U	Y	U	Y
SENATE DISTRICT 5: Kahakuloa, Waihee, Waiehu, Paukukalo, Puuohala, Wailuku, Kahului, Wailuku Heights, Puunene, portion of Kahului														
D	GUSMAN, Christy Kajiwara	870-3219	Did not respond to survey											
R	KAMAKA, Joe	298-4642	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	KEITH-AGARAN, Gil S. Coloma	242-4049	Did not respond to survey											
SENATE DISTRICT 6: Olowalu, Lahaina, Mala, Kaanapali, Honokowai, Kapalua, Honolua, Honokohau, Make-na, Wailea, Maui Meadows, portion of Keoneoio, Kamaole, Kihei														
D	AMATO, Terez M.	269-7418	Did not respond to survey											
D	BAKER, Roz	667-2225	Did not respond to survey											
R	DUBOIS, Jared P. Pika	891-0004	Did not respond to survey											
L	KAHUI, Bronson Kekahuna	264-7988	Did not respond to survey											

SENATE DISTRICT 7
Sprecklesville, Pukalani, Makawao, Olinda, Pulehu, Kula, Waiohuli, Keokea, Ulupalakua, portion of Keoneoio, Paia, Lower Paia, Haiku, Pauwela, Ulumalu, Huelo, Kailua, portion of Kahului, Keanae, Wailua, Nahiku, Hana, Hokuula, Hamoa, Puuki, Haou, Muolea, Kipahulu, Kaupo. Lanai, Molokai

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	ENGLISH, J. Kalani	248-8289	Did not respond to survey										

SENATE DISTRICT 12: Waikiki, Ala Moana, Kakaako, Ward, portions of Moiliili, McCully, Pawaa

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	GALUTERIA, Brickwood M.	864-8872	Did not respond to survey										
R	LETHEM, Chris	426-7665	Did not respond to survey										
D	MIDDLETON, Carlton N.	699-6939	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

SENATE DISTRICT 16: portion of Halawa; Aiea, Royal Summit, Newtown, Waimalu, portions of Pearl City, Momilani; Pearlridge, portion of Pearl Harbor

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	HARIMOTO, Breene	225-0368	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

SENATE DISTRICT 17: portion of Pearl City; Pacific Palisades, Manana; portions of Waipio, Waipahu

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
I	CLEMENTE, Roger	398-6323	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	U	Y	Y	U
D	NISHIHARA, Clarence	671-1152	Did not respond to survey										

SENATE DISTRICT 18: portion of Waipio; Mililani, Waialeale, Royal Kunia, Village Park

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
L	BANDA, Raymond, III	469-267-9418	Did not respond to survey										
D	KIDANI, Michelle	754-4442	Did not respond to survey										
R	KIM, Dennis C.H.	384-4205	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	U	Y	Y	Y

SENATE DISTRICT 21: Campbell Industrial Park, Ko Olina, Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, Makaha, Makua

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
N	BROWN, Ruth A.	696-7774	U	N	U	Y	U	U	N	U	Y	U	Y
D	KAHIKINA, Michael P.	291-5244	Did not respond to survey										
R	KU, Tercia L.	223-9476	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y
R	PERRY, Johnnie-Mae L.	780-7673	N	U	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y
R	ROMAN, Randy, Jr.	383-3690	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	349-3075	Y	Y	U	Y	U	Y	U	Y	N	Y	U

SENATE DISTRICT 23: Schofield Barracks, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, portion of Poamoho, Sunset Beach, Kuilima, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kaaawa, Waikane, Waiahole, Kahaluu; portion of Ahuimanu

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	BROWN, Norman Kaaipohaku	258-8798	Did not respond to survey										
R	FALE, Richard Lee	772-0968	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	MEYER, Colleen	342-3155	Y	N	U	Y	Y	U	N	Y	Y	U	Y
D	RIVIERE, Gil	220-2280	Y	N	U	Y	U	U	N	Y	Y	Y	U

SENATE DISTRICT 24: portion of Ahuimanu; Heeia, Haiku Valley, Kaneohe, Aikahi, Marine Corps Base, portion of Kailua

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	DANNER, Kilomana Michael	721-1763	Did not respond to survey										
D	TOKUDA, Jill N.	383-8690	Did not respond to survey										

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HOUSE DISTRICT 1: Hawi, Halaula, portion of Kawaihae, portion of Waimea, Kukuihaele, Honokaa, Paauiou, Ookala, Laupahoehoe, Honohina, Hakalau, Honomu, Pepeekeo, Onomea, Papaikou, Paukaa, portion of Hilo

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	775-9170	Did not respond to survey										
L	WEINERT, Eric Drake	896-2610	Response did not follow survey format										

HOUSE DISTRICT 2: Piihonua, portion of Hilo, portion of Waiakea Kai, Kaumana, Keaukaha

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	MIRANDA, Edwin L.P.	961-2524	Y	N	Y	N	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y
D	TSUJI, Clifton K. Clift	959-9576	Y	U	U	Y	U	U	U	Y	U	Y	U

HOUSE DISTRICT 3: portion of Hilo, portion of Waiakea Kai, Waiakea Uka, Panaewa, portion of Keaau, Kurtistown

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	DICKSON, Bill	961-9061	Did not respond to survey										
L	FOGEL, Fred F.	265-1659	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
D	ONISHI, Richard H.K.	987-8466	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 4: portion of Keaau, Paho, Hawaiian Acres, Orchid Land Estate, Hawaiian Paradise Park, Pohoiki, Opihikao, Kehena, Kaimu, Kalapana

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	BRONSON-CRELLY, Leilani	982-8417	Did not respond to survey										
D	HANOHANO, Faye Pua	430-1459	Y	U	U	U	U	Y	U	Y	Y	U	U
D	JORDAN, Brian F.	965-0941	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	PELEIHOLOLANI, Julia K.	238-2389	Did not respond to survey										
D	SANBUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	961-2131	Did not respond to survey										
D	TERLEP, Lenny, Sr.	936-8944	Did not respond to survey										
R	THOMAS, Gary	966-7136	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N

HOUSE DISTRICT 5: Mountain View, Glenwood, Volcano, Pahala, Punaluu, Ocean View, Ninole, Honuapo, Naalehu, Kahuku, Milolii, Hookena, Kealia, Honaunau, Captain Cook, Kealakekua, portion of Kainaliu

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	BATEMAN, Dave	895-5899	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
D	CREAGAN, Richard P.	929-7606	Did not respond to survey										
L	LALANNE, Jon A.	310-924-5119	N	U	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
D	LESLIE, Gene Bucky	936-2661	Did not respond to survey										
N	RUIS, Randy	557-4900	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 6: portion of Kainaliu, Keauhou, Kahaluu, Holualoa, Kailua-Kona, Honokohau

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	AKAKA, Kalei	325-7946	Did not respond to survey										
R	EBERT, Roy	987-2723	U	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
D	LOWEN, Nicole	937-8196	Did not respond to survey										
R	VALENZUELA, Kelly	937-9311	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 7: Makalawena, Kaupulehu, Puuanahulu, Anaehoomalu, Waikoloa, Puako, portion of Kawaihae, portion of Waimea

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	EVANS, Cindy	345-5810	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 8: Kahakuloa, Waihee, Waiehu, Paukukalo, Puuohala, Waikapu, portion of Kahului and Wailuku

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	KAPOI, Cranston Kaleialoha	276-2459	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	SOUKI, Joe	283-8661	Y	U	Y	Y	U	Y	U	Y	U	Y	N

HOUSE DISTRICT 9: portion of Kahului, portion of Wailuku, Puunene, Sprecklesville, Paia, Lower Paia

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	APANA, James Kimo	264-4103	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	U
D	WOODSON, Justin	542-2556	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 10: Olowalu, Lahaina, Mala, Kaanapali, Honokowai, Kapalua, Honolua, Honokohau, Maa- laea, portion of Kihei

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	MARTEN, Chayne M.	298-0884	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	McKELVEY, Angus L.	870-8644	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 11: Keoneoio, Makena, Wailea, Maui Meadows, Kamaole, portion of Kihei

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
L	BROCK, Pat	879-0250	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	U
D	ING, Kaniela	276-2990	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	U	Y	Y
D	MINICHINO, Marie	205-9059	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 12: Pukalani, Makawao, Olinda, Pulehu, Kula, Waiohuli, Keokea, Ulupalakua

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	POHLE, Richard H.	281-4509	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	U	N	N	Y	Y	U
D	YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	870-5874	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 13: Lanai, Molokai, Haiku, Pauwela, Ulumalu, Huelo, Keanae, Wailua, Nahiku, Hana, Hokuu- la, Hamoa, Puuiki, Haou, Muolea, Kipahulu, Kaupo

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	CARROLL, Mele	280-1325	Did not respond to survey										
D	HALINIAK, Barbara J.	553-3773	Y	U	Y	U	U	Y	U	Y	U	Y	U

HOUSE DISTRICT 14: Haena, Hanalei, Princeville, Kilauea, Anahola, Kealia, Kapaa, Waipouli, Wailua House Lots

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	HOOMANAWANUI, Jonathan	651-9288	Y	N	U	Y	U	U	N	Y	Y	*	Y
D	KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	639-3790	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U

HOUSE DISTRICT 15: Wailua Homesteads, Hanamaulu, Lihue, Puhi, portion of Old Koloa Town

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	HOOSER, Dylan	639-7089	Did not respond to survey										
D	TOKIOKA, James Kunane	652-7272	Y	N	U	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
R	YODER, Steve	639-6100	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y

HOUSE DISTRICT 16: Niihau, portion of Old Koloa Town, Poipu, Omaa, Lawai, Kalaheo, Numila, Elelee, Port Allen, Hanapepe, Kaumakani, Pakala, Waimea, Kekaha, Mana, Kokee

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	FLORES, Vince	652-1228	Did not respond to survey										
R	FRANKS, Victoria Vickie	479-715-2843	N	N	N	Y	Y	U	N	Y	Y	U	Y
D	KAHAWAI, Butch	651-0296	U	N	Y	Y	Y	U	N	U	Y	Y	U
D	MORIKAWA, Daynette Dee	651-8855	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 17: Kalama Valley, Queen's Gate, Hawaii Kai, portion of Hahaione Valley

QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	STUMP, Chris												

HOUSE DISTRICT 20: St. Louis Hts., Palolo Valley, Maunalani Hts., Wilhelmina Rise, and portion of Kaimuki													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	ALLEN, Julia E.	255-8915	Y	N	U	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
G	BONK, Keiko	734-4234	Did not respond to survey										
D	SAY, Calvin K.Y.	732-0221	Y	N	Y	U	U	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U
HOUSE DISTRICT 21: portion of Kaimuki, Kapahulu, portion of Waikiki, portion of McCully													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	MANUTAI, Larie Kuulei Langi	293-3122	Y	U	U	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U
D	NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	779-7845	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 22: portion of Moiliili, portion of McCully, portion of Kaimuki													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	BROWER, Tom	398-5653	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
R	GRACE, Janet M.	225-4511	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
HOUSE DISTRICT 23: portion of Waikiki, Ala Moana													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	CHOY, Isaac W.	551-7140	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
D	KINNEY, Nathaniel Keoki	220-8892	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 24: Manoa, Manoa Valley, University, portion of McCully													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	AMSTERDAM, C. Kauai Jochanan	450-1166	Did not respond to survey										
D	BELATTI, Della Au	393-0594	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 25: Tantalus, portion of Makiki, portion of McCully													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	LAM, Ronald Y.K.	375-4500	Did not respond to survey										
D	LUKE, Sylvia	927-2835	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 26: Dowsett Highlands, Pacific Heights, Pauoa, Punchbowl, portion of Makiki													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	MARSHALL, Eric B.	348-9135	Did not respond to survey										
D	SAIKI, Scott K.	944-2719	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 27: Nuuanu, Puunui, Liliha													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	FOWLER, Max R	551-5803	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	OHNO, Takashi	631-7579	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 28: Kakaako, Iwilei, Honolulu													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	KAAPU, Carole Kauhiwai	841-7050	U	N	Y	Y	U	U	N	N	Y	U	Y
D	MIZUNO, John M.	741-4503	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
HOUSE DISTRICT 29: Sand Island, Kalihi Kai, Kapalama													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	RHOADS, Karl A.	271-5995	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 30: Alewa Heights, Kalihi Valley, portion of Kalihi, Fort Shafter													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	CACHOLA, Romy M.	845-9955	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 31: Moanalua Valley, Moanalua, Salt Lake													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	398-4671	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	SHARSH, Lei	779-2086	Y	N	U	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
HOUSE DISTRICT 32: Ford Island, portion of Kalihi, Moanalua Valley, Mapunapuna, Airport, Hickam AFB, Pearl Harbor, Aliamanu, Foster Village, portion of Aiea, Pearlridge													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	ICHIYAMA, Linda E.	392-4547	Did not respond to survey										
R	TAGAVILLA, Marcia Ann R.	381-1704	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 33: portion of Aiea, Halawa Valley, Halawa Heights, Aiea Heights													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	ARAKAKI, Tracy	487-1474	Did not respond to survey										
R	HELSHAM, Robert C., Sr.	306-3645	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	KONG, Sam	699-0222	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
D	WONG, Arnold	489-6271	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 34: Newtown, Waiau, portion of Pearl City, Waimalu, Pearl City Peninsula													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	AGUSTIN, Jaci	260-0442	Y	N	N	Y	Y	U	N	Y	Y	Y	U
D	TAKAYAMA, Gregg	456-7151	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
HOUSE DISTRICT 35: portion of Pearl City, portion of Waipahu													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	POTI, LuAnn M.	351-1755	Y	N	N	Y	N	U	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	TAKUMI, Roy M.	586-6170	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 36: portion of Pearl City, portion of Waipahu, Momilani, Pacific Palisades, Manana													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	COSTALES, Luella	226-7430	Y	N	U	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U
R	FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	286-2810	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D	LEE, Marilyn B.	542-4438	Did not respond to survey										

HOUSE DISTRICT 37: portion of Waipahu, portion of Mililani													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
R	SVRCINA, Emil	256-6473	U	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	U	Y	U	Y
D	YAMANE, Ryan I.	551-2093	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 38: portion of Mililani, Mililani Mauka													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	AQUINO, Henry J.C.	780-9157	Y	N	Y	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U
D	SONSON, Alex M.	671-8886	Did not respond to survey										
HOUSE DISTRICT 39: Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Poamoho Camp													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	CULLEN, Ty J.K.	479-9772	Y	N	Y	Y	*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
HOUSE DISTRICT 40: Royal Kunia, Makakilo, Kapolei, Kalaeloa													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	CHONG, Isaiah Nahakuokeola	723-4986	Did not respond to survey										
D	MARTINEZ, Rose	224-1261	Did not respond to survey										
R	McDERMOTT, Bob	371-4605	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	U	Y	Y	Y
HOUSE DISTRICT 41: portion of Waipahu, Village Park, Waieke													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
L	BERG, Tom	753-7324	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
D	CABANILLA, Rida	779-3655	Did not respond to survey										
R	JEREMIAH, Bryan Earl	499-0999	Did not respond to survey										
D	LOPRESTI, Matthew	489-0487	Y	*	Y	*	U	Y	N	Y	*	Y	U
R	WIGGINS, Steve	744-8709	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
HOUSE DISTRICT 42: portion of Waipahu, Honouliuli, West Loch Fairways, Fernandez Village, Ewa, portion of Ewa Beach													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	FERGUSON, Nicole	388-3809	Did not respond to survey										
D	GOLOJUCH, Michael	672-9050	Did not respond to survey										
D	HAR, Sharon E.	258-0313	Response did not follow survey format										
R	MOSES, Suk	672-8550	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
HOUSE DISTRICT 43: portion of Ewa Beach, Iroquois Point, Puuloa													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	AWANA, Karen Leinani	383-8218	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	U
D	ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	384-0567	Did not respond to survey										
R	TUPOLA, Andria P.	343-5457	*	N	*	Y	*	*	N	*	Y	*	Y
HOUSE DISTRICT 44: Honokai Hale, Nanakai Gardens, Nanakuli, Lualualei													
QUESTIONS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
L	FRENZEL, Allen Al	343-4916	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y
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D	MAGAOAY, Michael Yadao	428-3736	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
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U.S. archbishops praise court's Hobby Lobby ruling

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court's June 30 ruling that certain businesses, based on their religious objections, can be exempted from a government requirement to include contraceptives in their employee health insurance coverage means "justice has prevailed," said two U.S. archbishops.

"We welcome the Supreme Court's decision to recognize that Americans can continue to follow their faith when they run a family business," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

The court in its 5-4 ruling said that Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Woods, the two family-run companies that objected to the government mandate that employees be covered for a range of contraceptives, including drugs considered to be abortifacients, are protected from the requirement of the Affordable Care Act under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Activists on both sides of the issue gathered outside the U.S. Supreme Court on a hot Washington morning awaiting the decision and when it was announced, supporters hailed it as a religious liberty issue and opponents called it a setback to women's health care.

Although Catholic leaders and other religious groups hailed the decision as a victory for religious freedom, they also said the issue is not resolved since the government mandate requires nonprofit organizations such as Catholic charities, hospitals and schools to provide contraceptive coverage.

The USCCB statement of Archbishops Kurtz and Lori noted that the court left the door open about the cases currently winding their way through the courts objecting to the government's accommodation that they direct a third party

to provide the required contraceptive coverage.

"The court clearly did not decide whether the so-called 'accommodation' violates RFRA when applied to our charities, hospitals and schools, so many of which have challenged it as a burden on their religious exercise. We continue to hope that these great ministries of service, like the Little Sisters of the Poor and so many others, will prevail in their cases as well," the statement said.

Mark Rienzi, senior counsel for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, the religious liberty law firm that represented Hobby Lobby, the family-owned Oklahoma-based retailer, before the Supreme Court, told reporters after the ruling that the court's decision bodes well for similar pending cases of nonprofit organizations.

He noted that the opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito includes a footnote reference to the Little Sisters of the Poor's lawsuit, which he said indicates that the "government accommodation is not here for long."

The Little Sisters of the Poor religious order has asked the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to extend an injunction blocking enforcement of the federal contraceptive mandate.

The Supreme Court's decision points out how the government has "effectively exempted" some religious nonprofit groups from the contraceptive mandate and that to qualify for the accommodation, such an employer must self-certify as nonprofit religious group with religious objections to contraceptive coverage; the self-certification form triggers the insurance company that administers their health plan to provide the objectionable coverage to their employees.

Catholic and other groups who object to the coverage on moral grounds say even with the accommodation, they are still involved in objectionable coverage.

The ninth footnote in Alito's opinion states that "in a separate



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Pro-life demonstrators celebrate June 30 outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington as its decision in the Hobby Lobby case is announced. The high court ruled that owners of closely held corporations can object on religious grounds to being forced by the government to provide coverage of contraceptives for their employees.

challenge to this framework for religious nonprofit organizations, the court recently ordered that, pending appeal, the eligible organizations be permitted to opt out of the contraceptive mandate by providing written notification of their objections to the Secretary of HHS, rather than to their insurance issuers or third-party administrators."

Rienzi's take on that footnote is that if the government thinks something is important — such as the provision of birth control coverage — it can provide it and cannot have a "compelling interest" to "crush" groups that object to paying for it.

He said the Hobby Lobby ruling makes it clear how family-operated businesses can operate within the Affordable Care Act and said the court's decision will likely be the "controlling opinion going forth" for nonprofit entities' health care coverage.

John Vile, dean of the University Honors College at Middle Tennessee State University and co-editor of the Encyclopedia of the First Amendment, called the decision a "genuine win for religious freedom" and for those who wrote the RFRA and the Religious

Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000. He said both acts were designed to extend religious freedom beyond the narrow confines the court had previously tried to impose.

Vile told Catholic News Service

in an e-mail that if "corporations can be considered persons for purposes of freedom of speech, then it is only appropriate that they be considered persons for purposes of religious freedom."

He also pointed out that even though the court agreed that the government had an "important governmental interest" in protecting the health of women, it had not used the "least restrictive means" in accomplishing this goal since it had already made provisions for providing coverage for women who worked in nonprofit organizations with religious objections and for plans that it grandfathered in without contraceptive coverage.

Vile said he does not agree with the dissenting justices who said the decision had "startling breadth" and instead pointed out that Justice Alito was careful to limit the decision to the facts at hand, and his emphasis on "least restrictive means" provides leeway in cases where other means of accomplishing governmental objectives are unavailable.

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Filipino celebration

Filipino children participate in a procession of Marian images during the 17th annual National Filipino Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington June 28.

MASS IN CALABRIA

Mafia members are excommunicated

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY

In the stronghold of an Italian crime syndicate believed to be richer and more powerful than the Sicilian Mafia, Pope Francis said, "Those who follow the path of evil, like the mafiosi do, are not in communion with God; they are excommunicated!"

During a Mass June 21 in the southern region of Calabria, Pope Francis made clear that even if the mob families continue to go to Mass and decorate their homes and hideouts with religious pictures, they have cut themselves off from communion with the church and with God.

"When instead of adoring the Lord, one substitutes the adoration of money, one opens the path to sin, personal interests and exploitation," Pope Francis said to applause from an estimated 250,000 people gathered in a field near the town of Sibari. "When one does not adore the Lord God, one becomes an adorer of evil, like those who live lives of crime and violence."

"Your land, which is so beautiful, knows the signs and consequences of this sin. This is what the 'Ndrangheta is: the adoration of evil and contempt for the common good," Pope Francis said. The 'Ndrangheta is a crime syndicate based in Calabria.

The pope began his nine-hour visit to the Diocese of Cassano allo Ionio meeting prisoners at the Rosetta Sisca jail in Castrovillari. At the jail, he met the father and grandmothers of Nicola Campolongo, a 3-year-old killed with his grandfather in January. The boy's parents, and several other relatives, are in jail on drug trafficking charges. Italian police said it appeared the boy was caught in the crossfire between rival clans over a drug deal.

In a speech to all the detainees and staff, Pope Francis called for prisons to offer programs aimed at rehabilitation: "When this objective is overlooked, the penalty becomes an instrument only of punishment and social retaliation, which damages both the individual and society."

The pope also told the prisoners to use their time in prison to think about the impact of their crimes on their families, society and their relationship with God.

"The Lord is a master at rehabilitation," the pope said. "He takes us by the hand and brings us back into the social community. The Lord always forgives, always accompanies, always understands; it is up to us to let ourselves be understood, forgiven and accompanied."

Before leaving, Pope Francis made his usual request for prayers, then added: "Because I, too, have done wrong and I, too, must repent."

The pope also visited a hospice for the terminally ill, where a doctor removed a small splinter from one of his fingers, according to Vatican Radio.

Although he did not give a formal speech at the facility, Italian news media quoted him as telling the staff, patients and their family members that holding and caressing someone are the best uses of one's hands. "Sickness is awful, but hands are powerful," he said. Through people's hands, "the caress from God's hands touches the depths of one's being."

Before having lunch with a group of poor families assisted by the diocesan Caritas and with participants in an addiction-recovery program, Pope Francis stopped in the diocesan cathedral for a meeting with priests.

The pope handed out copies of his prepared text, the Vatican said, and spent an hour personally greeting each priest and listening and responding to their questions.

Pope Francis



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Pope Francis raises the Book of the Gospels as he celebrates a Mass marking the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican June 29. The pope presented the pallium to 24 archbishops from around the world during the liturgy. The pallium is a woolen band worn around the shoulders that symbolizes an archbishop's authority as shepherd and his communion with the pope.

TO NEW ARCHBISHOPS

Stay focused on following Jesus

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY

After placing woolen bands, called palliums, over the shoulders of 24 archbishops from around the world, Pope Francis urged them to trust in God and not seek refuge in power or prestige.

"Trust in God banishes all fear and sets us free from every form of slavery and all worldly temptations," he told the archbishops, including Archbishop Leonard P. Blair of Hartford, Connecticut.

The archbishops from 22 countries were named over the course of the last year. The lamb's wool pallium they received from the pope June 29 symbolizes their unity with pope and their authority and responsibility to care for the flock the pope entrusted to them.

As is customary, an Orthodox delegation from the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople attended the Mass for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, the patrons of the Vatican and the city of Rome. Pope Francis greeted Metropolitan John of Pergamon, head of the delegation, at the beginning of the liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica, then walked with him after Mass to venerate the statue of St. Peter in the basilica built over his tomb.

In addition to the Mass June 29 and the recitation of the Angelus afterward, Pope Francis had a full weekend of appointments. His last-minute cancellation of a visit to Rome's Gemelli Hospital the afternoon of June 27 raised concerns about his health.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, had said the pope suddenly felt ill, but there was no reason for alarm. At the beginning of the Mass June 29, the pope's voice sounded deeper than normal and his breathing a bit labored, but by the time he got to his homily, he

sounded better.

During his homily, Pope Francis asked the archbishops to consider what, if anything, makes them afraid.

"And if we are afraid, what forms of refuge do we seek in our pastoral life to find security? Do we look for support from those who wield worldly power? Or do we let ourselves be deceived by the pride which seeks gratification and recognition, thinking that these will offer us security?"

He told the archbishops, "Today the Lord repeats to me, to you, and to all pastors: Follow me! Waste no time in questioning or in useless chattering; do not dwell on secondary things, but look to what is essential and follow me."

Jesus, he said, tells the archbishops and all Christians: "Follow me without regard for the difficulties. Follow me in preaching the Gospel."

"Follow me by speaking of me to those with whom you live, day after day, in your work, your conversations and among your friends," the pope said. "Follow me by proclaiming the Gospel to all, especially to the least among us, so that no one will fail to hear the word of life which sets us free from every fear and enables us to trust in the faithfulness of God."

After the Mass, Archbishop Blair told Catholic News Service, "The pallium is a symbol in Catholic faith and liturgy — as the prayers and the text of the liturgy today made clear — of the communion and unity of the church."

Standing between an archbishop from Brazil and one from Pakistan, "where the church has been having a very difficult time," he said, "you appreciate that we are all one, in communion with the successor of Peter, the Holy Father."

"The pallium is a yoke, but Christ said my yoke is easy and my burden is light," the archbishop said.

ANGELUS

Torture is a 'very grave sin'

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis called for the abolition of torture, which he condemned as a "very grave sin."

The pope made his remarks June 22, after praying the Angelus with a crowd in St. Peter's Square.

"I repeat the firm condemnation of every form of torture and invite Christians to commit themselves to work together for its abolition and to support victims and their families," he said. "To torture persons is a mortal sin. A very grave sin."

Pope Francis related his statement to the observance June 26 of the United Nations' International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

The U.N. General Assembly proclaimed the day in 1997 to promote enforcement of the 1987 Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to which the Vatican is a signatory.

In May, the U.N. Committee Against Torture questioned Vatican representatives about the Holy See's adherence to the treaty. The committee later urged the Vatican to impose "meaningful sanctions" on any church authority who fails to follow church law in dealing with allegations of sexual abuse and asked that church officials worldwide be required to report abuse allegations to local police.

In its response, the Vatican condemned sex abuse as a "serious crime and a grave violation of human dignity," but argued that not all forms of sex abuse can be equated to state-sponsored torture under the terms of the treaty.

TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT REPS

Say 'no' to drugs, 'yes' to life

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis said legalizing marijuana and other so-called "recreational drugs" has never curbed drug addiction rates and has little impact on the criminal organizations trafficking drugs around the world.

"No to every type of drug use. It is as simple as that," Pope Francis said June 20 during an audience with about 450 representatives of national and international drug enforcement agencies.

The representatives, who came from 129 countries, participated in the International Drug Enforcement Conference June 17-19 in Rome. The annual conference, initiated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in 1983, is designed to help law enforcement officials coordinate anti-drug policies and promote international cooperation in fighting the organized crime of drug trafficking.

Pope Francis said he would not be surprised if international drug trafficking leads the world in income production, and "this is sad."

Even worse, he said, too many young people around the world never get a job offer, but frequently get offered drugs.

"The lives of more and more young people and adolescents are in danger," he said.

"Let me state this in the clearest terms possible: The problem of drug use is not solved with drugs," he said. "Drug addiction is an evil, and with evil there can be no yielding or compromise."

Allowing addicts to use narcotics or offering them "substitute drugs," he said, is not a treatment, "but rather a veiled means of surrendering to the phenomenon."



Msgr. Owen F. Campion
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God awaits our call

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, the first reading is from the Book of Zechariah. Zechariah was of the priestly caste and was born in Babylon. His birth occurred during the time when many Jews were in forced exile in the Babylonian capital. He went to the Holy Land with his grandfather when the exile was ended.

It might be assumed that he was either a youth or a young adult when he made this trip, as few grandparents at the time lived long enough to see their grandchildren reach middle age.

Finally in the Holy Land, he devoted himself to the care and study of the Scriptures. Obviously, he saw himself, and was regarded, as a prophet.

He met a violent death, being murdered apparently in the temple precincts themselves.

Whatever his age, unless he was an infant too young to notice, and this is unlikely, he would have seen and probably was part of the enthusiasm of the people as they quit the despised Babylon and began their journey home.

The reading for this weekend captures this great joy and enthusiasm. All wrongs were to be righted. Great days were ahead. To lead the people into a new day of peace and prosperity, God will send a messiah who will enter the holy city of Jerusalem with great humility, seated on an ass.

This image was to be a part of the event of Palm Sunday, to occur many centuries later when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans provides the second reading. In this selection, Paul repeats the theme so often given in his writings. Christians not only follow Christ, or join Christ in their own walks through life, but the Lord becomes part of them. They become part of Jesus. Christian discipleship forges this strong a bond.

The last reading is from St. Matthew's Gospel. Jesus continually encountered persons very well educated in the Scriptures. Often, they opposed the Lord. Yet in the minds of many at the time, they were the wisest and most learned in the society.

Understandably, Jesus had to insist that the wisest in popular consensus were not the wisest after all. By contrast, the Lord says that humble and innocent children often can better see the most profound of truths.

However, Jesus does not leave people to drown in the sea of their own pride and ignorance. Rather, the Lord calls them. He reaches to them. Confronting all the obstacles of life is not easy, but it is a burden lightened by the fact that support comes from Jesus, the Son of God.

Reflection

The Gospel this weekend presents facts indispensable to achieving Christian holiness. None of us, in the last analysis, is very insightful. None of us has all the answers. Original Sin has robbed us of our good vision. We all look at a world that is out of focus, distorted and clouded. We are myopic. We think only of ourselves. Realizing our inadequacy, we exaggerate ourselves. We make ourselves greater than we are.

So we deceive ourselves. We trick ourselves into thinking that we can find the way on our own. We cannot. Only God can show the way.

Mercifully, and happily for us, God shows us the way in Jesus. Jesus not only leads us but also gives us divine life itself. As true believers, we live in Jesus and the Lord lives in us.

The key to attaining this relationship is our humility, our trust in God.

We do not have to yearn for God without relief. God awaits our call. He loves us with an everlasting, perfect love. He will come to us. Thus, with Zechariah, we can rejoice that the Lord comes to us.

Catechesis



Father Kenneth Doyle
QUESTION CORNER

Can I get an annulment without witnesses?

Q I am grateful for your informative comments in a previous column regarding annulments. But they have generated an additional question for which I seem to be getting different answers. If one of the spouses alone, without any additional witnesses, attests that he/she was not committed to the marriage but went through with it anyway, is that by itself enough to obtain an annulment? (New Berlin, Wisconsin)

A Generally speaking, no. Such an unsupported statement by one of the spouses would normally not be sufficient grounds for granting an annulment. As you can imagine, this would make the process all too easy and render any serious evaluation of the marriage meaningless.

Instead, you would need the support of witnesses -- family members or friends -- who could verify, for example, that at the time of the marriage one or both of the spouses did not intend the marriage to be exclusive and lasting or lacked free consent due to family pressure or other circumstances.

I can conceive of situations, however, where such verification might be difficult. For example, let's say the marriage took place many years ago and people who knew the couple well back then are no longer around or available.

Under this circumstance, it's possible that a marriage tribunal might accept the simple sworn testimony of a spouse -- although that tribunal

might also require that someone who presently knows the spouse attest to that person's veracity and reliability. The best advice I can give is that the person you have in mind should speak with a priest with long experience in handling marriage cases and seek his guidance on how to proceed.

How much for a Catholic funeral?

Q Recently, in answering a question about Mass cards, you indicated that the donation given for the Mass was a free-will offering and that it should be explained as such, rather than as the "cost." But my experience is otherwise; currently, at our parish, the fixed price is \$15. Similarly, when my mother passed away some years ago, I was told by the undertaker that our pastor requested a fee of \$100 before the Mass could be offered. That upset me, especially since I was involved in several ministries at the parish. Could you comment, please? (Southwestern New Jersey)

A Though I've said it before, it's worth mentioning again: The answer to the often-asked question "how much does a Mass card cost?" ought to be "whatever you would like to donate."

In our parish we usually add "the customary offering is \$10" because we've found that people do like some guidance. (Additionally, our secretary is instructed that, if she senses that a donation might be a burden, no money should be taken.)

When it comes to funerals, some parishes do have a set charge, which helps with the upkeep and maintenance of the church. For our parish, the charge is \$125, but that amount is simply a pass-through to whatever organist is hired to play and sing for the funeral.

The church itself gets nothing. We ask our local funeral homes to explain to the bereaved family the reason for the fee. (And again, we've sometimes waived even that charge when a family was struggling financially.)

In the case you bring up, it's possible that the information you received (about the \$100 fee upfront) might have been a mistranslation, in which case you would have been better off talking to your pastor rather than to the funeral director.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

Beatitudes

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



Iraqi refugees line up to receive free food inside the Khazer camp on the outskirts of Irbil, Iraq, June 29. Archbishop Bashar Matte Warda of Irbil told Catholic New Service by telephone June 28 the situation was going "from bad to worse."

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Father Ron Rolheiser

On being perpetually distracted

There's a story in the Hindu tradition that runs something like this: God and a man are walking down a road. The man asks God: "What is the world like?" God answers: "I'd like to tell you, but my throat is parched. I need a cup of cold water. If you can go and get me a cup of cold water, I'll tell you what the world is like." The man heads off to the nearest house to ask for a cup of cold water. He knocks on the door and it is opened by a beautiful young woman. He asks for a cup of cold water. She answers: "I will gladly get it for you, but it's time for the noon meal. Why don't you come in first and eat." He does.

Thirty years later, they've had five children, he's a respected merchant, she's a respected member of the community. They're in their house one evening when a hurricane comes and uproots their house. The man cries out: "Help me, God!" And a voice comes from the center of the hurricane says: "Where's my cup of cold water?"

This story is not so much a spiritual criticism as it is a fundamental lesson in anthropology and spirituality: To be a human being is to be perpetually distracted. We aren't persons who live in habitual spiritual awareness who occasionally get distracted. We're persons who live in habitual distraction who occasionally become spiritually aware. We tend to be so preoccupied with the ordinary business of living that it takes a hurricane of some sort for God to break through.

C.S. Lewis, commenting on why we tend to turn to God only during a hurricane, once put it this way: God is always speaking to us, but normally we aren't aware, aren't listening. Accordingly, pain is God's microphone to a deaf world.

However, none of us want that kind of pain; none of us want some disaster, some health breakdown, or some hurricane to shake us up. We prefer a powerful positive event, a miracle or mini-miracle, to happen

to us to awaken God's presence in us because we nurse the false day-dream that, if God broke into our lives in some miraculous way, we would then move beyond our distracted spiritual state and get more serious about our spiritual lives.

But that's the exact delusion inside the biblical character in the parable of Lazarus and Dives, where the rich man asks Abraham to send him back from the dead to warn his brothers that they must change their way of living or risk the fiery flames. His plea expresses exactly that false assumption: "If someone comes back from the dead, they will listen to him!"

Abraham doesn't buy the logic. He answers: "They have Moses and the Prophets. If they don't listen to them, they won't be convinced either, even if someone came back from the dead."

What lies unspoken but critically important in that reply, something easily missed by us, the reader, is that Jesus has already come back from the dead and we aren't listening to him. Why should we suppose that we would listen to anyone else who comes back from the dead?

Our preoccupation with the ordinary business of our lives is so strong that we are not attentive to the one who has already come back from the dead.

Given this truth, the Hindu tale is more consoling than chiding. To be human is to be habitually distracted from spiritual things. Such is human nature. Such is our nature. But knowing that our endless proclivity for distraction is normal doesn't give us permission to be comfortable with that fact. Great spiritual mentors, not least Jesus, strongly urge us to wake up, to move beyond our over-preoccupation with the affairs of everyday life. Jesus challenges us to not be anxious about how we are to provide for ourselves.

He also challenges us to read the signs of the times, namely, to see the finger of God, the spiritual dimension of things, in the everyday events of our lives. All great spiritual literature does the same. Today there is a rich literature in most spiritual traditions challenging us to mindfulness, to not be mindlessly absorbed in the everyday affairs of our lives.

But great spiritual literature also assures us that God understands us, that grace respects nature, that God didn't make a mistake in designing human nature, and that God didn't make us in such a way that we find ourselves congenitally distracted and then facing God's anger because we are following our nature. Human nature naturally finds itself absorbed in the affairs of everyday life, and God designed human nature in just this way.

And so, I think, God must be akin to a loving parent or grandparent, looking at his or her children at the family gathering, happy that they have interesting lives that so absorb them, content not to be always the center of their conscious attention.

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Father William Byron, SJ

Too few registered voters are showing up on Election Day

In America, we all too often tend to substitute blame for analysis.

Since Republican Eric Cantor's recent stunning defeat in his primary election bid to hold his U.S. House of Representatives seat in Virginia's 7th Congressional District, the blame has been spread around in all directions. Analysis, however, has been somewhat thin and often contradictory.

He was the second-most powerful member of the House and widely expected to soon succeed John Boehner as speaker of the House.

Voter turnout was too low, some say; others argue that if the turnout of registered voters had been higher, Cantor would still have lost. Had the turnout been higher, I suspect Cantor would have won. Incumbents usually do.

In Virginia, a registered voter of one party can vote in another party's primary. Some say Democrats voted for Cantor's not-well-known and underfunded opponent — a tea party Republican — in order to topple the majority leader (not knowing, of course, who will succeed Cantor in that leadership position). Cantor's defeat was a political earthquake. The aftershocks have yet to be felt.

In the primary that took Cantor down, 65,022 people voted. Cantor got only 28,898 of those votes. Many more, 474,714, according to The Washington Post, were registered to vote but simply chose not to vote.

Regardless of your party affiliation or, in this case, your preference for a given candidate — David Brat, the economics professor who won, or the seasoned incumbent who lost — the fact that only about 14 percent of those who could have voted actually did so has to give you pause. Democracy depends on participation. If voters don't vote, democracy won't work.

Those who want to do something to preserve democracy can make an enormous contribution by simply voting and then helping to get out the vote by encouraging others to vote. A well-organized minority can win elections by getting out the vote. And that minority may or may not have the best interest of all in mind.

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The principle of participation is an underappreciated principle of Catholic social teaching. It is often thought of in terms of the right to join trade unions. It respects another's right not to be ignored on the job or shut out from decision making within the organization, particularly

from decisions that affect wages and working conditions and career advancement.

But the principle of participation also relates to a citizen's duty to take part in the political process by voting, not necessarily by running for office, but simply voting others in or out of office in a representative government.

We call that form of government a democracy, and it simply won't work if citizens do not participate. Hence the concern all of us should have with low-voter turnout.

I think we are nearing a crisis point in America in our refusal to participate by voting in local, state and national elections. At all three levels, our participation rates are alarmingly low. We are paying for it in the poor quality of candidates running for office, in political gridlock, particularly in Washington, and in ineffective governance at all levels.

This need not be the case. It could change for the better if more of us simply decided to vote.

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Myfaith



Kathleen T. Choi
IN LITTLE WAYS

Small acts of kindness

Despite signing up with the Do Not Call Registry, we regularly hear from telemarketers. I've read suggestions on how to let them know how unwelcome their intrusion is. However, I figure they're doing a crummy job for lousy pay. So I hear them out and then say, "No thank you."

My husband shows similar courtesy to other drivers on Hilo's increasingly busy streets. He always yields to the driver waiting to turn left, trying to exit a driveway or attempting to merge. He also offers rides to tourists caught in the rain. He hasn't brought about world peace, but he has made a small stretch of road a little happier.

We both benefited from my grandmother's kindness. I was the first in my family to marry outside my race. Soon after, we all gathered to celebrate my grandparents' 60th wedding anniversary. Gramma told all the family about a novel she'd read whose hero was named Choi. In this small way, she declared her support for our marriage.

My father said a childhood friend once told him, "Your parents are the best missionaries I know." Gramma didn't bring the Gospel to primitive tribes or translate the Bible into a new language. She just did small acts of kindness every day for 107 years.

Still, small acts of kindness are generally all that's needed. Few of us (thank God) experience more than a couple catastrophes in our life. However, we all face daily challenges. The washing machine breaks down. A disturbed person harasses us. It's late, and our teenager isn't home.

The small kindnesses we receive help us cope. Our neighbor offers the use of her washer. A store owner waves us inside until the scary guy moved on. A sympathetic police officer assures us that 99 percent of the time, the missing teen is fine. Their understanding and support keep our problems from turning into crises.

The small kindnesses we give are equally important. When I consider my sins of omission, I'm troubled that so often it didn't even occur to me to help. How could I be so self-absorbed? Happily, kind actions can become good habits. We help one elderly lady load groceries into her car, and pretty soon

We can make today a little easier for someone else

we're regularly looking out for other folks in difficulty.

Evangelist Keith Miller tells the story of a businessman who commuted to work. One evening, he was rushing to catch his train and didn't notice a little boy on the platform holding a box. His briefcase brushed against the box. The lid fell off, and jigsaw pieces flew everywhere. As the train pulled away, the man put down his briefcase and began picking up the pieces. When all the pieces were back in the box, he handed it to the boy with a smile. The boy asked, "Mister, are you Jesus?" For that moment, the answer was, "Yes."

Jesus' first miracle was an act of kindness. He was at a wedding reception, and the wine was running out. Mary called this to Jesus' attention. I imagine she spent her life noticing who needed a little help. Her son had watched and learned from her example. So she was confident that he'd help here. His action wasn't as dramatic and noticeable as later miracles, but his kindness spared the host social embarrassment.

We're not likely to work any dramatic miracles either. However, we can help clean up after the wedding, give the overly indulged a ride home or bring some cake to the baby sitter. We can make today a little easier for someone else. When we do, the answer is, yes, we are Jesus.

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Father Leonard Ssempijja, Archdiocese of Kampala
VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

Companions on the journey

As told to Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
Hawaii Catholic Herald

My favorite Scripture passage is the whole chapter of John 17. It begins, "When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.'"

This chapter is a gradual reflection on Jesus as he finishes up his mission and leaves his final teachings with those who are looking forward to his ascension. My work as a priest is to help others toward this eternal life.

Some may ask whether the change from being a hospice chaplain to being a pastor is difficult. I have been here at St. Joseph Church for several months now. In the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda, where I came from, I served in both positions. They are both different. In the hospital, you deal with the sick and dying; in the parish you deal with the pastoral needs of the people.

You cannot say that one work is more important than the other. Each has its own challenges. Hospice work can be stressful as one helps others toward their ending time. Parish work holds a different kind of stress and energy as you help the healthy and strong be aware of the afterlife, and help them to attain it. Death is not an



enemy; it is a means to eternal life.

Aside from personally reflecting on John 17, I like to read books about the life of Christ. St. Augustine's writing on the "City of God" is a special work. When people encounter struggles in life, and ask how they can act like Christ through these difficulties, I point them to St. Augustine. He himself was a struggler. But when he embraced the love of Christ, things changed. It is a wonderful teaching. His mother St. Monica struggled with him as she prayed for him. Never give up. It is part and partial of our humanity to have struggles in life. We can find inspiration through Scripture and the stories of the lives of the saints as they too have struggled in life and triumphed at the end patching up the pieces and continuing on.

Our small community here is a very supportive one. On First Fridays we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. I find it most rewarding and enriching to do my morning prayers, go to Mass, and spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Our church also has a very good choir which I enjoy listening to. Other things that give me energy are going for good walks, swimming and giving talks to the youth and youth ministry. We are all companions on the journey.

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Effie Caldarola
FOR THE JOURNEY

Get angry, but get moving, too

Sister Helen Prejean was back in Nebraska last month. The nun, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, has probably done more to turn the tide against the death penalty in America than anyone else.

But beyond that, she's simply a wonderfully inspirational speaker and a great storyteller. She can move a whole room to laughter with her Cajun drawl.

Since I worked for an organization that supports repeal of the death penalty, I was happy to sign up for her daylong retreat, "A Life Against Death."

My friend Stacy attended as well. She had heard Sister Helen speak for the first time four years before, and it had been a pivotal and spiritual moment for her. She was so inspired that she joined the board of the Nebraska repeal movement, and today she is the group's executive director. She's my boss.

Stacy told me about sitting with Sister Helen at lunch four years ago. Stacy expressed how upset some of the issues surrounding the death penalty made her. Stacy recalls Sister Helen's emphatic response: "Stacy,"

she said, "it's not good enough to be upset. You've got to do something about it."

I don't know how many times in the past few weeks I've pondered those words. It's not good enough to be upset. You've got to do something about it.

Those are words to live by, and they apply to any issue about which we care deeply. How often do we see an event, an issue, a contemporary problem, and feel strongly, but where do our feelings take us? Do we shake our head and feel compassion, anger, a sense of indignation? Do we talk about it at the dinner table perhaps, and then tomorrow move on?

Here's a quote Sister Helen gave us from St. Bonaventure: "Don't ask for the light. Ask for the fire."

In other words, take your concerns about any issue to God and ask how you should translate your concerns into action. Move from concern to passion. Ask for the fire.

Years ago my spiritual director was another great nun. She was a no-nonsense type, and on the end table in her office was a sign that simply said, "Just do it." There comes a time when we need to act on our

convictions.

If an issue calls to us -- immigration, prison ministry, human trafficking, working with pregnant moms -- it's time to pray over that issue and act.

If you're at the time in life that I am -- kids out of the house, more free time, looking at perhaps the last third of my life -- it's time to "just do it."

We don't have forever, and sometimes it takes a few years under your belt to realize that. None of us has forever.

Sister Helen was moved, not by something academic, but by life experience. She was asked to be a pen pal with someone on death row. It was that simple.

She didn't realize he would want her as a spiritual director. She didn't know she was moving down a road that would lead her to be the main witness to his death, that she would tell him to keep looking at her as he died and that she would be the face of Christ to him at that moment.

It all started because she said yes to a simple thing, an easy request. Saying yes is where it starts for all of us. Just do it. Just ask for the fire.

Saints

Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Martyrs of China
17th-20th centuries

July 9



The 120 martyrs of China were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000. They were killed by various Chinese dynasties over a 400-year period. The group consists of 87 Chinese converts and 33 foreign missionaries, mainly European; they were bishops, priests, seminarians, lay men and women, and children. Augustine Zhao Rong is honored by name because he was the first Chinese diocesan priest to be executed. As a soldier, he had guarded a Catholic bishop held prisoner, and was so moved by the bishop's demeanor that he became a Christian and a priest. He died in 1815 after being tortured. At their canonization, the pope said the martyrs had "a state of mind marked by deep serenity and joy." © Catholic News Service

Joe Heller



Scripture search

PAT KASTEN

Gospel for July 6, 2014
Matthew 11:25-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a prayer of Jesus, to the Father. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| JESUS | FATHER | LORD OF |
| HEAVEN | EARTH | THESE THINGS |
| THE WISE | GRACIOUS WILL | ALL THINGS |
| OVER TO ME | EXCEPT | ANYONE |
| ALL YOU | GIVE YOU | YOKE |
| LEARN | HUMBLE | HEART |
| FIND REST | BURDEN | LIGHT |

FINDING REST

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Check out Pat Kasten's new book on the sainthood process, "Making Sense of Saints. Fascinating Facts About Relics, Patrons, Canonizations and More." It's available from osv.com, at Amazon and Barnes and Noble, and at "fine Catholic book stores everywhere" as they say.

Diversions



Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

Happy July 4th, Heraldians! Cheers to celebrating Independence Day and the bright, wonderful summer days ahead. I've got a really tricky quiz below to keep you on your toes.

1) Saints

Which of the following is true about St. Elizabeth of Portugal, whose feast day is celebrated July 4?

- a) She was named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- b) She was a queen consort of Portugal
- c) She is a patron for brides
- d) All of the above

2) Devotions

Catholics dedicate the month of July in devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Who founded the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, a Society of Apostolic life originally based in Rome?

- a) St. Gaspar del Bufalo
- b) St. Annibale Maria di Francia
- c) St. Francis Xavier
- d) St. Giovanni Battista Piamarta

3) Scripture

According to the Book of Genesis, what was the name of the son Abram conceived with his handmaid Hagar?

- a) Ishmael
- b) Isaac
- c) Iphraim
- d) Iphedeiah

4) Literature

What is the name of the Catholic author who wrote the classic text, "The Practice of the Presence of God"?

- a) Flannery O'Connor
- b) G.K. Chesterton
- c) Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection
- d) Thomas Merton

5) Popes

Which pope added the Marian title "Queen of Peace" to the Litany of Loreto?

- a) Pope Leo XIII
- b) Pope Benedict XV
- c) Pope Pius X

d) Pope John XXIII

6) Church in Hawaii

True or false: Monte Street in Kalihi Valley is named for the Portuguese word for "mountain;" the street leads to Our Lady of the Mount Church and a nearby grotto with a statue of the Portuguese Lady of the Mount.

- a) True
- b) False

7) Current events — sports



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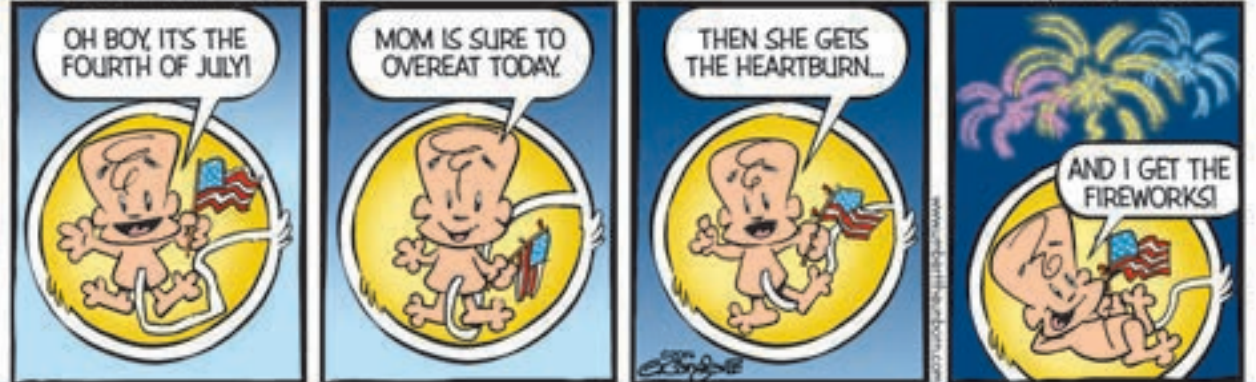
Pope Francis has met several soccer stars during his pontificate, including the captain of the Argentina national team, shown in this photo. What is the name of this soccer player?

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Manu Ginobili
- d) Rodrigo Palacio

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

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



Catholic crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "...he suffered, ___ and was buried."
- 5 "___ Noster"
- 10 "On the third day he ___ again"
- 14 Memo phrase
- 15 Make ___ in
- 16 Ancient Roman day
- 17 Greek goddess of strife
- 18 Discontinue
- 19 Justice, for one (abbr.)
- 20 Kierkegaard's The ___ Unto Death
- 22 "Dying you destroyed our ___"
- 23 Intentionally kept
- 26 Roman Catholic Native American leader
- 30 OT prophetic book
- 31 WWII president
- 34 Island that is part of the Archdiocese of Papeete
- 35 Biblical sea
- 36 Noxious weed
- 37 Exorbitant rate of interest
- 38 "...___ thousand times..."
- 39 Paroxysm
- 40 Lake or pond
- 41 Abbr. for two NT epistles
- 42 Essay

- 43 Hand-held computer, briefly
- 44 Christmas month (abbr.)
- 45 White ant
- 46 Formulate again
- 48 Certain mount
- 51 Desire for food
- 56 Tigger's pal
- 57 Query found in Matthew
- 59 NT epistle
- 60 Trac II successor
- 61 Founder of the American Sisters of Charity
- 62 "Kissing disease," for short
- 63 Car maker
- 64 What Catholics receive on the first day of Lent
- 65 Hydrocarbon suffixes

Answer to previous puzzle



DOWN

- 1 "___ Irae"
- 2 It was written in three languages (abbr.)
- 3 He's the Red
- 4 School spot
- 5 Surname of Pius XII
- 6 First word of a Latin hymn
- 7 Tantalize
- 8 Abstract being
- 9 AAA suggestion
- 10 On the pale
- 11 Stadiums
- 12 Birth month of Mary (abbr.)
- 13 OT book about a Jewish heroine
- 21 "The ___ Professor"
- 22 Heroic St. Bernard animal
- 24 Ostrich-like bird
- 25 Start of the Christian era
- 26 Stub
- 27 Relaxed
- 28 Hindu deity



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- 29 Make weary
- 31 Tehran tongue
- 32 Legal right
- 33 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"
- 35 First NT epistle
- 36 The others
- 38 Diocese on the French Riviera
- 39 Number of days Jonah spent in the belly of a large fish (Jon 1:17)
- 41 Hesburgh of Notre Dame, to friends
- 42 Form of bowling
- 44 "Agnus ___"
- 45 Ballerina style
- 46 She saved Joshua's spies
- 47 "___ of Our Fathers"
- 48 Vacation sites
- 49 Very small quantity
- 50 Mrs. Nick Charles
- 52 Ordinary ___
- 53 Sacred image
- 54 You can set one
- 55 Greek god of love
- 57 OT prophetic book
- 58 Parisian possessive

Honoring the earliest faithful

MANILA, Philippines — When Pope Francis goes to South Korea in August, he will put 124 martyrs on the path to sainthood. Many in this group established the Catholic Church in that East Asian country.

"They are ... the fathers, of the (103) Korean martyrs, who really founded the Catholic Church with their blood, with their faith, compassion ... their blood shed for Christ," said Legion of Christ Father Simon Chung of Seoul.

Pope John Paul II canonized 103 Koreans 30 years ago; Father Chung said many were the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the 124 up for beatification in August.

In the late 1700s, intellectuals among the Korean nobility got hold of books on Catholicism from China, absorbing the church's teachings. In 1784, one believer trekked to what is now Beijing to be baptized and returned to baptize numerous companions. (Catholic News Service)

Seattle abuse cases settled

SEATTLE — Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain said June 24 that he hopes the settlement of 30 claims of sexual abuse will bring victims "closure and allow them to continue the process of healing."

The Seattle Archdiocese settled cases involving abuse that the victims said was carried out by members of the Irish Christian Brothers at two institutions managed by the order in western Washington. The most recent cases in question were nearly 30 years old and some dated back almost 60 years, according to an archdiocesan press release announcing the settlement, which totaled \$12.1 million.

Legal claims arising from sexual abuse allegations at institutions throughout the U.S. forced the North American province of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, or Irish Christian Brothers as it also is known, to file for bankruptcy in April 2011. (CNS)

Protecting precious children

TOLEDO, Ohio — Don and Gisela Stiles are on a mission to raise awareness of the plight of albino children who have been targeted in Tanzania by witch doctors for their body parts and subject to mutilation and slaughter in a wave of violent attacks.

As part of their crusade, the Toledo Catholic couple founded the nonprofit Universal Initiative Foundation and is raising money to build a sanctuary in the Archdiocese of Tabora, Tanzania, to protect hundreds of albino and other vulnerable children.

The sanctuary took a step closer to this spring as guests of a fundraising dinner in Maumee bid on items needed to construct and furnish the facility.

Archbishop Paul R. Ruzoka of Tabora traveled to the Diocese of Toledo for two weeks in May to speak at the fundraiser and to other groups about the plight of albinos in Tanzania. (CNS)

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Movie review | Transformers: Age of Extinction

All that endless shape-shifting and cacophonous combat

By John Mulderig
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There may, no doubt, be circumstances that would justify a film having a running time close to three hours.

Some lavish adaptation of a Dickens novel, perhaps, or a sweeping historical epic might be expected to sustain prolonged viewer interest. A set of outsize Hasbro toys come to life, on the other hand, not so much.

Still, that's what audiences will find waiting for them in the interminable 3-D action sequel "Transformers: Age of Extinction" (Paramount).

Such self-indulgence on the part of director Michael Bay is all the more regrettable because his fourth installment in this popular popcorn franchise is initially somewhat more engaging than its predecessors. The bond uniting small-time inventor, young widower and overprotective dad Cade Yeager (Mark Wahlberg) with his teen daughter, Tessa (Nicola Peltz), for example, gives us slightly more substantial human interest than was previously evident.

The rural setting of the Texas farm on which Cade and Tessa — routinely joined by Cade's surfer sidekick, Lucas



Mark Wahlberg and Jack Reynor star in a scene from the movie "Transformers: Age of Extinction." CNS photo/Andrew Cooper, Paramount Pictures

(T.J. Miller) — live out a cash-strapped but mutually caring existence, moreover, makes for some pleasant visuals. Less welcome is the wayward relationship between Tessa and her clandestine boyfriend, Shane (Jack Reynor). As both Cade and the audience eventually discover, Pop has had better cause to worry than he knew.

Once the alien robots from whom the series takes its title show up, however, it does turn out to be a good thing that Irish-born Shane makes his living as a racecar driver.

These mechanical beings are capable of changing shape at will, and do so most often by shifting into the guise of speedy vehicles. So it helps the humans who get mixed up with them — as Cade does by buying a long disused truck — to have some velocity of their own.

For those not fluently familiar with Transformers lore in all its manifestations, the briefest of explanations: the good, i.e. human-friendly, guys are called Autobots and are led by Optimus Prime (voice of Peter Cullen). Their

adversaries — and ours — are known as Decepticons. The whole point of plunking down your dozen or so dollars at the box office is to watch these guys magically morph — and noisily duke it out.

Stacked up against the endless shape-shifting and cacophonous combat, neither Wahlberg's strong presence nor an amusing turn by Stanley Tucci as Joshua Joyce, a Steve Jobs-like tech pioneer stands much of a chance. Also lost along the way are scattered religious references — do Transformers have souls?

— and a more sustained theme about the dangers of overreacting to terrorism.

That tendency is embodied by Harold Attinger (Kelsey Grammer), a top-ranking CIA agent for whom the only good automaton is a dead one.

Besides sometimes ridiculous dialogue, Ehren Kruger's script also includes a heavy dose of vulgarity. Together with the benignly treated behavior between Tessa and Shane mentioned above, such verbal lapses make this sci-fi slog an inappropriate one for those youthful viewers who might best be able to endure it.

As for their elders, the legal phrase "time served" may spring to mind well before the final credits roll.

The film contains relentless, though largely bloodless, violence, an implied premarital situation, at least one use each of profanity and rough language and numerous crude and crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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Christina Capecchi

TWENTY SOMETHING

Identical twins answer the call to priesthood

Agnes Koenigsnecht had the look of an air-traffic controller, the one that strikes so many mothers of the bride.

"We need one round table on the stage," she instructed on a Friday morning in June, the eve of the big day. Her legion was in full force, a swirl of activity in the church hall: hauling tables, wheeling chairs, folding linens, slicing carrots. A 72-year-old uncle surveyed the scene, while a 9-month-old nephew scooted about.

Agnes' mind was on logistics, the "controlled chaos" she had been anticipating. But it was clear she was enjoying every minute. "This is all part of the celebration," she told me.

It was a double celebration for Agnes: not a daughter's wedding but the priestly ordination of her twin sons. Identical twins with individual callings to priesthood.

She likes to stress that part to the people who express incredulity or ask who had the idea first, Todd or Gary. Agnes and her husband, Brian, checked in with each of the twins as high-school freshmen to inquire about their future plans.

In private conversations, both teens expressed an interest in priesthood, unbeknownst to the other. The discovery of their mutual goal was a happy surprise — and an enduring blessing during eight years of seminary.

"It felt natural," said Father Gary, now 26. "It was very helpful to have a twin brother to spur each other on."

At 18, the twins from Fowler, Mich., made a big decision, setting out for college seminary in St. Paul, Minn. They made it after much prayer, with great maturity. Their 20s have been defined by intense growth: study, sacraments, service. Their work was embedded in a robust fraternity among their fellow seminarians, including some who's-who twin

hijinks. One involved drawing a mole above Father Todd's right eyebrow to replicate Father Gary's — hence, eliminating the most clear-cut distinguisher of the two.

In this day and age, many Catholics and non-Catholics alike are mystified by the priesthood. The prospect of celibacy and obedience seem increasingly foreign, baffling even. But when you talk to Father Gary and Father Todd, there is no sense of angst or sacrifice. There is deep contentment bubbling into boyish joy. They can't stop grinning.

Above all, the twins exude freedom — the freedom that comes from answering your call from God, going all in and never looking back.

"They're both very intelligent," Bishop Earl Boyea, head of the Lansing diocese, told me. "They engage people very easily. There's a simplicity about them. They're not complicated."

That may be what I appreciated most, and it flows from their rural upbringing, a lifestyle that is fully integrated. Everything is home grown at the Koenigsnechts' organic dairy farm, where Agnes gardens, bakes and fills the basement with canned foods.

She and Brian raised 10 kids in an old farmhouse that, absent a TV, centered on conversation, Euchre (a card game) and prayer.

The fruits of their efforts were on full display June 14, when the twins received their holy orders. Agnes looked radiant in a layered ruffle dress that shimmered in the light, her silver hair neatly curled under.

As Father Gary and Father Todd processed into St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing, Mich., backlit by a two-story stained-glass mural of Jesus, I was overcome by the moment: the trumpets, the incense, the opening hymn, "Go Up to the Altar of God." Once they reached the sanctuary and



Photo courtesy of Christina Capecchi

Father John Linden, vocations director for the Lansing diocese, can't resist a playful moment after the ordination Mass of Father Todd, left, and Father Gary Koenigsnecht, holding a chasuble up to their 19-year-old brother, Lee, who just finished his first year of seminary.

looked out at their family, filling a block of front-and-center pews, the twins beamed. In a heartbeat, I felt a measure of Agnes' maternal pride.

"How do you feel?" I asked her after Mass.

"Beyond words!" she said.

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"Showing compassion isn't an option. That's what we have to do with people in need. Especially when they are facing threats to their lives and they're at our door."

| Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, during a hearing at a House Judiciary Committee hearing in Washington. The hearing sought to discuss the root cause of the massive influx of child migrants to the U.S. and to examine possible solutions. (Catholic News Service)

PROFILE

Allyson Franco

Youth ministry leader, St. John Vianney Parish, Kailua



Favorite food:

A combination of Hawaiian and Mexican food because I love my ethnicities and their food!

Saint: St. Jude, because my grandpa taught me so much about him and I have grown to pray to him.

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Island: Kahooolawe

Movie: "Pitch Perfect"

Gave up for Lent: Sweets! I have a HUGE sweet tooth, but decided to give it up.

Mac or PC: I grew up with a PC, but I would have to say MAC!

Best church: St. John Vianney Parish, of course!

SAINTS UNDER 40

Stoking the flames of faith

Frederic Ozanam was set on a path toward establishing his legacy while still a university student, when a fellow student challenged him to

show his Catholic faith rather than just talk about it.

Ozanam, an expert at the latter — he would become

known as a dynamic and popular speaker at the university, where he later taught — took his peer's words to heart. Along with several other students, he laid the groundwork for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a ministry focusing on the poor that spread rapidly throughout Europe.

The scholar came from humble roots in Milan, Italy, where he was born in 1813. He entered Sorbonne, the revered university in Paris, in 1831; the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's roots were established just two years later. Ozanam's life then moved quickly from graduation to professorship to marriage and fatherhood.

Ozanam became a lauded writer and staunch promoter of the faith, but could not overcome the tuberculosis that claimed his life in 1853. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997 during World Youth Day celebrations. (www.vatican.va, www.catholicstewardship.com)



Happy Catholics: Top row, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Daughters of St. Paul Sister Fay Pele, Marianist Father John Thompson, Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Anne Bryan Smollin, Blessed Teresa of Kolkata.

Happy Catholics: Bottom row, Popes John Paul I, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, Francis.

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It's time to get happy! Theology on Tap, also known as "TOT," is back with another awesome summer series. The diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry continues its fun tradition of bringing together young adults for drinks, food and faith-filled discussion.

This year's topic: "Happy Catholics."

This summer's theology speaker menu taps three cheerful religious — Daughters of St. Paul Sister Fay Pele, Marianist Father John Thompson and Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Anne Bryan Smollin.

The TOT events on Oahu take place at Tiki's Bar & Grill in Waikiki from 5-8 p.m. Sister Fay already spoke on June 22. Father Thompson will give his presentation July 6, and Sister Anne will discuss her reflections July 20.

Sister Anne will also be traveling to Maui for the island's first-ever TOT night at Bistro Casanova in Kahului, July 21.

Everyone age 18 and older is welcome. Advanced ticket reservations can be made at www.catholicahawaii.org/tothawaii for \$15. Guests can also pay \$20 at the door.

THEOLOGY ON TAP 2014 SUMMER SERIES

All you young Catholic adults ... it's time to

Get happy!

The Theology on Tap speakers each shared with the Hawaii Catholic Herald a brief snapshot of their views on "Happy Catholics." It's an appropriate topic for the sunny summertime that is sure to get young adults thinking about how to live, serve and worship with joy.

Father Thompson said that Catholics can embrace their faith by staying rooted in the joy of the Gospel. He noted that Christian joy "is deeper than 'happiness,'" as Jesus' love provides us with an unwavering source of strength.

"As it is often said when someone faces a tragedy or hears some bad news, Joy comes in the morning," Father Thompson said. "If we have the disposition of joy in our lives, then we can handle anything that life brings to us."

Father Thompson, a

professor and pastoral campus minister at Chaminade University, said he keeps the joy of the Lord alive in his life in several ways. He gets spiritual refreshment from his relationships with others, by maintaining an ongoing relationship with God, finding humor in everyday situations and playing music.

Sister Anne, known as "The Laughing Nun," has written several books on the importance of a positive attitude. She is the executive director of the Counseling for Laity center in Albany, N.Y., and has spoken all over the country about the link between personal wellness and "sacramental joy."

Catholics, Sister Anne said, have a "choice" to be happy.

"We are called to be Resurrection people," she said. "How blessed we are to be

Gospel people and carry the message to all we come into contact with. We are made in the image of God and we must grow into the likeness of God."

Sister Anne explained that grace, humor and joy are found by living life "in the present moment." She said it is vital to "surround ourselves with positive people, not be so hard on ourselves" and "be people of gratitude."

"Negative thinking clogs the brain," she said. "We need to look alive and look like we are choosing life — smiles, eye contact, reaching out to others, being connected."

Sister Fay, who lives at the Daughters of St. Paul convent in downtown Honolulu, shared at the June 22 Theology on Tap event how being connected with a joyful community impacted her faith.

She said she was raised as a "happy Catholic" by a loving circle of family and friends in Samoa.

Now going on 11 years as a professed nun, Sister Fay said her life continues to be vibrant as she uses her gifts in music and her religious community's ministries to serve others.

About 50 people attended Sister Fay's Theology on Tap talk, including Lisa Gomes, diocesan director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

"What impacted me the most from Sister Fay's presentation was her openness to God's call of religious life and the joy that she has every day in sharing Christ with every person she encounters," Gomes said.

Sister Fay also told TOT participants that being a "happy Catholic" simply comes as a result of staying close to God and his word.

Many people today are mistakenly caught up in finding the best tips and tricks to becoming happy, she said. However, the real "secret" to being happy, for those who love and seek Jesus, "isn't anything new."

For more information on Theology on Tap, call 203-6763.



LISA'S CATECHISM CORNER
Church teaching explained to you

Working at forming your character

YOUCAT*: *We must work at forming our character so that we can freely, joyfully and easily accomplish what is good. A firm faith in God, in the first place, helps us to do this, but also the practice of the virtues, which means developing within ourselves, with God's help, firm dispositions, not giving ourselves over to disorderly passions, and directing our faculties of intellect and will more and more consistently toward the good.*

If you haven't noticed, the world is soccer-crazy right now. More than 715 million people will tune in to watch 32 teams from all over the globe compete for soccer supremacy. Pope Francis weighed in with a message: "The sport is not only a form of entertainment, but also a tool to communicate the values that promote the good of the human person."

He said sports teach the "need for discipline, effort, and sacrifice to succeed and achieve excellence — becoming a constant reminder of the sacrifices necessary to grow in the virtues that build the character of a person." Character is the most valuable thing you have. It is defined by what you do. Cultivate your character by practicing the virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. In everything that we do, we must model good character.

Pope Francis is a great model of humility and Christ-like character for all of us.

*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

Lisa Gomes is the director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry



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

Best. Day. Yet!

This past Monday was the most incredible experience of my life. I witnessed my wife become superhuman and join the 5 percent of women who give birth without any drugs. I stood by and tried my best to support her as she used all her strength to bring our son out of the womb and into our arms.

Makana John Paul Aiona was born at 2:03 p.m. on June 23, 2014, ... 10 hours and 55 minutes before his father's birthday. Best. Birthday. Yet!

I cried as he literally flew into the doctor's arms and then into his mother's. In that moment, I was overwhelmed. As I watched him open his eyes slightly and make noises at her I just thought, "If this is only a small glimpse of the love our Eternal Father has for us, then I can't wait for the day we meet him face to face!"

Best. Day. Ever!

Think about the most touching moment in your life, then see where God was revealed to you. Discuss it and share your witness.

Makana Aiona is the diocesan coordinator for Young Adult Ministry.