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Kindergarten and first grade teacher Jessica Russell introduces students to classroom rules on the first day of the academic year at St. Michael School in Waialua, Aug. 1.

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Bishop's page

Final touches

A worker applies stain to the inside of the decorative canopy that will cover the cathedra, or bishop's chair, Aug. 2 in the sanctuary of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. The canopy matches the larger baldacchino above the old altar. The sanctuary is undergoing extensive renovation as part of phase two of the restoration of the historic church. Bishop Larry Silva will bless the newly refurbished section of the cathedral when he celebrates the 175th anniversary of its dedication with a Mass on Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. See story on page 12. Other new additions to the cathedral include a burial crypt for bishops and an expanded sanctuary floor.

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Bishop's calendar

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

■ August 11, 5:00 pm, Mass for the Bishop's Circle Donors, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu.

■ August 12, Pilgrimage to Kalaupapa, Molokai.

■ August 14, 9:30 am, Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council, Chancery, downtown Honolulu.

■ August 15, 12:00 pm, Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu.

■ August 16, 8:30 am, Mass of the Holy Spirit for Catholic School Educators and Feast of the 175th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, St. Ann Parish, Kaneohe; 10:00 am, Pastor/Principal Leadership Summit, St. Ann Parish, Kaneohe; 6:00 pm, Mass for the 175th Anniversary of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, with blessing of newly renovated sanctuary and bishops' crypts; and 190th Anniversary of Catholicism in Hawaii, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu.

■ August 17, 11:00 am, Mass for the Life Symposium, Kroc Center, Kapolei.

■ August 18, 5:00 pm, Confirmation Mass, St. Ann Parish, Waihee.

■ August 19, 12:00 pm, Confirmation Mass for the Maui Hispanic Community, Christ the King Parish, Kahului.

■ August 21, 9:30 am, Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council, Chancery, downtown Honolulu; 12:00 pm, Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation Board and Annual Members of the Corporation Meeting, Chancery; 5:00 pm, Mass for Region XI Diocesan Directors of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, St. Stephen Diocesan Center (SSDC), Kaneohe.

■ August 23, 10:00 am, Diocesan Department Heads, SSDC.

Announcements/Appointments

■ Bishop Silva has appointed Deacon Morton Zabala to diaconal ministry at Sacred Heart Parish, Waianae, effective July 20, 2018.

■ The diocesan offices will be closed on Friday, August 17, 2018 in observance of Hawaii State Admissions Day.

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BACK TO SCHOOL | superintendent

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Hawaii Catholic Schools superintendent Michael Rockers in his office at St. Stephen's Diocesan Center in Kaneohe on July 30.

Agents of evangelization

Schools superintendent is encouraged by the role of Catholic education in Hawaii

Interviewed by Anna Weaver
Hawaii Catholic Herald

The Hawaii Catholic Herald spoke with Michael Rockers, superintendent of Hawaii Catholic Schools, July 31 in his office at St. Stephen Diocesan Center. This interview has been condensed and edited.

On Hawaii Catholic schools today

Hawaii Catholic schools are doing a great job of providing the education and the support so that students in this new century have all the technology and the skills that are needed to succeed in the society. We have now provided that through some great pedagogy and through the integration of technology in other ways. But they're still really centered on being Christ-centered and not losing the main reason why they exist. We're very fortunate here with the quality of the administrators that lead the schools, we really are. I've been in a lot of other parts of the country and hear from a lot of superintendents about the dearth of quality applicants for leadership in Catholic schools. We're fortunate with the leadership that we have there.

On millennials and Catholic education

A 2014 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate study showed that "those who attended a Catholic school attend Mass more frequently than those who did not attend a Catholic school in each generation," particularly post-Vatican II and millennial Catholics.

There's a huge amount of difference relative to those that never attended a Catholic school. So if we want our Catholic Church to thrive we've got to have Catholic school attendance and active Catholics. And along with that you want leaders in your church who know their faith and have both a "heart" knowledge through the power of the Holy Spirit, but also a "head" knowledge of what their faith is about. And our schools do a great job of providing opportunities for the students to not only learn about their faith and live it out but to go beyond their school and work through community service projects and other things so that they get those opportunities for leadership and service. Those are the leaders of the church for tomorrow.

I think it reflects a correlation between having a national Catholic worldview and having their faith as integral to who they are. And this recent research shows that the Catholic schools really support that. I think that's good news for Catholic schools.

On new advances in education

I think the schools are trying to continue to be really cutting edge on education. That is needed and is so different than what was needed for a quality education 25 years ago. And they're doing it with fewer resources than the bigger private schools or the public schools. I don't know how the teachers do it, to keep up with trends and the technology and the pedagogy that's really needed now and changing their role from the "sage on the stage" to coaching and supporting students as they learn and providing a model of faith. It's impressive (using) small groups and all those different things where kids can be engaged.

I think that maybe that's the key thing that I've seen over the last three or four years. Teachers have recognized that student engagement is critical to real learning and that they've done the work with curriculum mapping and with new pedagogies to move in that direction.

We have a new religion curriculum that was developed by a large group headed by (diocesan religious education director) Jayne Mondoy. We have a new math and English language arts curriculum that has been initiated this year. So all those things are keeping the schools where they need to be academic-wise.

On visiting Catholic schools

I'm really fortunate that I can go to these schools and attend the Masses that they have. I mean they are powerful, the music, the kids responding back to Father, I love that part of it. I am fortunate to have been in classrooms and have seen that the teachers are so student-centered and the students are really pro-teacher. They love their teacher. They're working together and that leads to such a positive learning environment. Especially those smaller parochial schools; they really are like families. They're educational institutions but they have a family feel to them, an ohana, that is hard to find in other schools.

On the new math and English language arts curriculums

It's not mandatory but so many of the schools have been asking for it and are looking forward to implementing it. It provides a real construct for teachers to use a lot of different ways of teaching to get those standards to be experienced.

For example, the understanding of math and not just math computation is critical. Understanding of the concepts is more critical.

On back-to-school programs for teachers

The Mass of the Holy Spirit, the beginning of the year Mass, on Aug. 18, will highlight the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. And we

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HOLY FAMILY, HONOLULU

Celeste Akiu

Principal

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Holy Family Catholic Academy, the parish school of Holy Family Church in Honolulu, has picked as its new principal a Sacred Hearts Academy grad who has worked as an educator on the Mainland for the past 27 years.

Celeste Akiu was the unanimous choice of the school's principal search team. She started July 1.

Born in Hawaii, Akiu attended St. Elizabeth School in Aiea as well as Sacred Hearts. She has lived on the mainland for the past 27 years serving a teacher and principal at River Middle School, in Napa, California.

Her return to work in Hawaii had been a long-time desire.

"Without hesitation, I want to return to Oahu and work with children in Hawaii to support them on their journey to become responsible, respectful, self-motivated learners who make positive contributions to their communities," she said. "I am certain that my upbringing in Hawaii and my education have contributed to the individual I am today."

Akiu received her bachelor of arts degree in professional studies/business administration from the University of Hawaii. She later studied at Central Michigan University, earning a master's in administration. She has also earned California single subject teaching and administrative credentials.

Akiu completed her doctoral studies at Brandman University this June and will be earning an EdD in organizational leadership next May.

The administrator of Holy Family Church is pleased with the choice.

"Ms. Akiu brings to us rich, diverse, and accomplished educational leadership abilities," said Father John R. LeVecke. "I am sure this opportunity is a wonderfully personal blessing for her and her family, as it certainly is for our entire Holy Family ohana."

SACRED HEARTS, LAHAINA

Miguel Solis

Principal

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Miguel Alejandro Solis, a southern California Catholic educator who focused his doctoral dissertation on Hawaii Catholic Schools, is the new principal of Sacred Hearts School in Lahaina, the parish school of Maria Lanakila Church.

The new principal received his master's degree in education from Loyola Marymount University and his doctorate from the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education.

Before coming to Hawaii, Solis served for 17 years as a teacher and administrator in both small parochial schools and large settings such as Chaminade College Preparatory in Chatsworth and West Hills, California, serving more than 1,500 students. There he was a religion, Spanish and assisted English teacher of international students. This particular experience spurred his interest in current trends in teaching.

Solis believes education is more than academics. He holds the view that teaching the love of Christ with morals and values is just as important in developing the whole student. He understands how important it is to share his faith journey with his students, not only to raise awareness of the need to serve but to actually go beyond school borders to serve with the passion Jesus has instilled in all of us.

He is thrilled to bring to his educational leadership best practices he has gained through his research and practice. He is also eager to continue to build on long-lasting positive effects he will have on students.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Solis comes from a family of six children. He married Lisa Zamora in 2015 at St. Raphael Church in Koloa, Kauai. His wife is also a USC alumna and former principal from Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School in Canoga Park, California. They have a 2-year-old son.

DAMIEN MEMORIAL

Kyle Atabay

Principal

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Kyle J. Atabay is returning to his alma mater to serve as its principal.

"Atabay adds a wealth of knowledge and experience to our leadership team," said Damien Memorial School president and chief executive officer Wes Reber Porter. "He is a career educator with a counseling and social emotional learning background."

The Damien grad has spent the last 17 years at Kamehameha Schools, most recently since 2013 as vice principal of Kapalama Middle School.

"I am very excited to return to my alma mater as part of a talented leadership team and as the next principal," Atabay said. "I have seen how the school is changing and has benefitted from a student-first approach."

"Damien Memorial School is poised to do great things," he said, "and I'm humbled and honored to have a role in shaping the school's future."

Atabay graduated with the class of 1984.

He received a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences and a master's in counseling psychology, both from Chaminade University of Honolulu. He earned a doctorate in professional educational practice from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Atabay also studied at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and earned professional certificates from Hawaii Pacific University in the fields of organizational change management, global leadership and sustainable development, and national and community change and development.

Before he worked at Kamehameha Schools, Atabay headed the Kapolei Middle School counseling department. He also served as a counselor and grade level chairman at the Hawaiian language immersion school, Ke Kula Kaiapuni O Anuenue.

Prior to that, Atabay was a case manager at the Institute for Human Services and an admissions counselor at Chaminade University of Honolulu. Atabay has also worked since 1987 as an entertainer with Robert Cazimero's hula halau.

Decade saw a 20 percent drop in enrollment, school closures

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

The last decade has not been a good one for Hawaii Catholic school enrollment.

According to figures from the Hawaii Catholic Schools office, the number of students in preschool through grade 12 has dropped 2,279 since 2008. That's a more than 20 percent decrease, an average of 228 students a year.

Only one year, 2014, showed an increase from the previous year.

Besides the decline in enrollment, the past 10 years have seen two elementary schools downsized to become preschools and three schools closed altogether.

In 2010, St. Joseph School in Makawao, Maui, closed its grade school to become an early learning center. Christ the King School in Kahului, Maui, did the same in 2011.

Holy Trinity School in Kuliouou shut its doors in 2010. Cathedral Catholic Academy closed in 2016, its 80th anniversary year, and St. Anthony, Kalihi, closed this year, after 90 years.

Hawaii has 10 Catholic standalone preschools, 16 Catholic elementary schools, and seven schools with both elementary and secondary grades.

Here are the total Hawaii Catholic school enrollment figures — preschool through grade 12 — for the past 10 years, tabulated on the start of each school year.

2008	**10,827**
2009	**10,328**
2010	**10,110**
2011	**9,794**
2012	**9,342**
2013	**9,110**
2014	**9,163**
2015	**8,923**
2016	**8,911**
2017	**8,548**

The declining numbers are pretty much spread across most of the schools, though a few schools have seen increases, in particular those high schools that have added lower grades, like St. Francis, St. Louis and Damien Memorial.

Today's enrollment is less than half its peak of 50 years ago.

The highest Hawaii Catholic school enrollment on record was 17,150 in 1965-66, when the post war baby-boom was cresting. The numbers declined to the 14,000-level in the 1970s, rose again to 15,298 in 1980, and has been dropping steadily ever since.

Hawaii Catholic Schools superintendent encouraged by role of Catholic education

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received a Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation grant to have Jonathan Doyle come and speak after the Mass on "Tools and Fuels: How Catholic Teachers can Become Saints, Beat Burnout and Save the World." He's an internationally known author and speaker, especially in Catholic education.

After that, the principals and pastors will dialogue about how we evangelize within Catholic schools. That's exciting.

On evangelizing within Catholic schools

We've had some good experiences with some of the schools bringing in new families, new students into the Catholic faith and a deeper relationship with Christ, not just their students. There is a call for our schools to be agents of evangelism and we as the Catholic schools office really take that seriously, and hopefully serve and support them in doing that.

Schools can be agents of evangelism with those students who are not Catholic, who are just marginal Catholics, and their families. Because our church interrelates with them every day, and whom can you better evangelize and model and show that gift of faith to more than those people that you interrelate with every day?

At St. Joseph's in Waipahu, their pre-school teachers at the beginning of the year orientation brought in all the parents and talked with them about what they're going to teach their children and highlighted that God's love for them is unconditional ... and the Gospel was going to be part of their curriculum. Teachers and previous parents actually witnessed about their faith and how their child, being part of their preschool, enhanced their faith life.

When parents see other parents witnessing their faith, it's very powerful. I gave that information out to all the schools just as an example of the type of thing that can be done to practically and easily step into that evangelism role. It isn't so much a big, huge program, it's doing what you're doing already but having a focus of, "Here are opportunities for us to witness," whether it's PTA meetings, the sacramental preparation with the new original order of the sacraments, etc. At St. Michael's, Waialua, they had 25 students and parents enter the church this spring. Just think if every school had that.

BACK TO SCHOOL | chart

Hawaii Catholic Schools 2018-2019

School Address	Phone Website	Fax	Grades Coed	Year rnd	Accreditation	Top Administrator	Tuition	Fees	Start date	Enrollment 2017-18
STANDALONE PRESCHOOLS										
L Robert Allen Montessori 3140 Waialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	735-4875 montessorilabschool.chaminade.edu		PreK-K coed	✔	NAEYC, AMS	Maria Valdez	School day (7:30 am-2:30 pm): $890/month; full day (7:30 am-5:30 pm): $1,075/month	$75 application; $125 registration; $400 comprehensive	Aug. 6	27
Rosary Preschool 94-1249 Lumikula St., Waipahu 96797	676-1452 rosarypreschool.com	677-1202	Ages 3-4 coed		NAEYC	Sr. Cecilia Fabular, OP	$765/month	$390 comprehensive; $80 application	Aug. 6	50
St. Ann School ELC 46-125 Haiku Rd., Kaneohe 96744	247-3092 saintannhawaii.org	235-0717	2-5 yrs coed		WCEA, WASC	Cindy Achong	2-yrs full $8,820, school $8,550, part $8,415; 3-4-yrs-K full $7,920, school $7,650, part $7,515 (2nd, 3rd child discounts)	K $415; 2-yrs $175; 3-yrs $253; 4-yrs $303	Aug. 20	122
St. John Catholic Preschool 95-410 Kuahelani Ave., Mililani 96789	744-9538 stjohnmililani.org		PreK coed		NAEYC	Catherine Awong	School day $8,280; full day $9,515	$75 application; $300 comprehensive	Aug. 1	48
St. Philomena ELC 3300 Ala Laulani St., Honolulu 96818	833-8080 stphilomenaearlylearningcenter.com	834-3438	PreK-K coed	✔	NAEYC	Peter Tedtaotao	PreK $10,920-12,960; K: $11,520-$12,840	$850 application/ registration fee; $400 deposit	July 16	182
Mary, Star of the Sea ELC 4470 Aliikoa St. #100, Honolulu 96821	734-3840 staroftheseaelc.org	732-1738	PreK-K coed	✔	NAEYC, AMS-affiliated	Lisa Foster	$9,700; $2,350 day care	Included	Aug. 20	200
Christ the King Child Development 211 Kaulawahine St. , Kahului 96732	877-3587	871-8101	PreK coed		NAEYC	Carole Arakawa	7:15am-3pm $7,100; 7:15am-5:15pm $8,100	$200 registration; $300 school	July 30	58
St. Anthony Pre-School 1627-B Mill St., Wailuku 96793	242-9024 sasmaui.org	986-0654	PreK coed		NAEYC	Carlene Santos	$7,000	$550	Aug. 1	48
St. Joseph Early Learning Center 1294 Makawao Ave., Makawao 96768	572-6235 sjsmaui.org	572-0748	PreK coed	✔	NAEYC	Helen Souza	$7,020-$7,920	$375	Aug. 13	42
St. Marianne Cope 2707 Pamoa Rd., Honolulu 96822	988-6528 stfrancis-oahu.org/home/preschool	988-5497	PreK coed	✔	WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Farrah Derla	Toddler $920/month; preschool $870/month	$200 enrollment; $50 application	Aug. 3	49
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS										
Damien Memorial 1401 Houghtailing St., Honolulu 96817	841-0195 damien.edu	847-1401	6-12 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Wes Porter	6 $10,526; 7-8 $10,736; 9-12 $14,306	$1,295-$2,538	Aug. 6	650
Holy Family Catholic Academy 830 Main St., Honolulu 96818	423-9611 hfcahawaii.org	422-5030	PreK-8 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC	Celeste Akiu	K-4 $8,010; 5-7 $8,885; 8 $9,890	After school $1,500/ year; comp $350; fundraiser $300/family	Aug. 6	430
Maryknoll 1526 Alexander St., Honolulu 96822	952-8400 maryknollschool.org	952-7201	K-12 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Perry Martin	$17,800	Included	Aug. 13	1,150
Mary, Star of the Sea 4469 Malia St., Honolulu 96821	734-0208 staroftheseа.org	735-9790	1-8 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC	Margaret Rufo	$9,850	$1,125	Aug. 1	170
Our Lady of Good Counsel 1530 Hoolana St., Pearl City 96782	455-4533 olgchawaii.org		PreK-8 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC	Chantelle Luarca	Preschool $8,040; K-8 $7,450	$30 application; $250 registration; comp preK $300; K-8 $400	Aug. 1	174
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 91-1010 North Rd., Ewa Beach 96706	689-0474 olphschoolewabeachhi.com	689-4847	K-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Sr. M. Davilyn AhChick, OSF	$6,300 and $6,500	$500	Aug. 6	165
Sacred Hearts 239 Dickenson St., Lahaina 96761	661-4720 shsmaui.org	667-5363	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Miguel Solis	PreK full-time $7,150; PreK part-time $5,850; K-5 $7,850; 6-8: $8,250 (multi-family discounts)	Registration ELC $375, K-8 $200	Aug. 6	218
Sacred Hearts Academy 3253 Waialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	734-5058 sacredhearts.org	737-7867	PreK-12 girls		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Betty White	$11,458-$15,554	$415-460	Aug. 6	885
St. Ann 46-125 Haiku Rd., Kaneohe 96744	247-3092 saintannhawaii.org	235-0717	1-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Mandy Thronas-Brown	$8,500	$650-$950 comprehensive	Aug. 20	97
St. Anthony 148 Makawao St., Kailua 96734	261-3331 saskailua.org	263-3518	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Bridget Olsen	ELC $8,242; K-5 $7,878; 6-7 $8,034; 8 $8,231	$300 registration; $200 fundraising; $200 tuition refund ins.	Aug. 13	284
St. Anthony 1618 Lower Main St., Wailuku 96793	244-4190 sasmaui.org	242-8081	K-12 coed		WCEA, WASC	Tim Cullen	K-5 $6,500; 6 $7,750; 7 $10,600; 8 $11,850; 9-12 $14,200	K-5 $50; 6-8 $80; 9-10 $95; 11 $155 incl. prom; 12 $355 incl. graduation	Aug. 1	272
St. Catherine 5021 Kawaihau Rd., Kapaa 96746	822-4212 kauaistcatherine.church/school	823-0991	PreK-8 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC	Britt Cocumelli	$5,925	$615	July 30	186
St. Elizabeth 99-310 Moanalua Rd., Aiea 96701	488-5322 steliz-hi.org	486-0856	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Sr. Bernarda Sindol, OP	$6,750	$300	Aug. 14	153
Saint Francis 2707 Pamoa Rd., Honolulu 96822	988-4111 stfrancis-oahu.org	988-5497	PreK-12 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Erin Marshall	K-6 $9,000; 7-8 $11,200; 9-12 $13,000	$350 for graduation	Aug. 3	500
St. John the Baptist 2340 Omilo Ln., Honolulu 96819	841-5551 sjbcs.org	842-6104	PreK-8 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC	Carol Chong	$5,990	$976	Aug. 6	134
St. John Vianney 940 Keolu Dr., Kailua 96734	261-4651 sjvkailua.org	263-0505	PreK-8 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC	Caryn DeMello	Preschool $7,910; K-8 $7,610	None	July 23	172
St. Joseph 94-651 Farrington Hwy., Waipahu 96797	677-4475 stjosephwaipahu.org	677-8937	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Beverly Sandobal	PreK $8,788; K-8 $8,075	Included in tuition	Aug. 1	285
St. Joseph 1000 Ululani St., Hilo 96720	935-4936 sjshilo.org	443-0294	PreK-12 coed		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Llewellyn Young	PreK $6,500; K-6 $6,800; 7-8 $7,900; 9-12 $8,600	K-8 $250, 9-12 $500	Aug. 7	305
Saint Louis 3142 Waialae Ave., Honolulu 96816	739-4832 saintlouishawaii.org	739-4711	K-12 boys		WCEA, WASC, HAIS	Glenn Medeiros	$12,400-$14,950	$900-$1,950	Aug. 1	878
St. Michael 67-340 Haona St., Waialua 96791	637-7772 stmichaelschoolhi.com	637-7722	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Kainoa Fukumoto	PreK $7,200; K-8 $6,700	$35 PreK application; $50 K-8 application; $350 enrollment	Aug. 1	89
St. Patrick 3320 Harding Ave., Honolulu 96816	734-8979 saintpatrickhawaii.org	732-2851	PreK-8 coed	✔	WCEA, WASC	Sr. Anne Clare DeCosta, SSCC	PreK-K $7,150; 1-8 $7,000	$390 plus ebooks and student texts	July 31	321
St. Theresa 712 North School St., Honolulu 96817	536-4703 sts-hi.org	524-6861	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Bernie Gora	PreK half day $4,300; full day $8,600; K-8 $7,250	$150	Aug. 8	219
St. Theresa 8311 Kaumualii Hwy., Kekaha, HI 96752	337-1351 sttheresakauai.com	337-1741	PreK-8 coed		WCEA, WASC	Wendy Castillo	$5,343	$175	Aug. 1	137

WCEA = Western Catholic Education Association; WASC = Western Association of Schools and Colleges; HAIS = Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; HECAP = Hawaii Early Childhood Accreditation Project; NAEYC = National Association for the Education of Young Children; ELC = early learning center; ELL = English language learner

BACK TO SCHOOL | tuition

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Dominic Parravani, Mia Lindsey and Calla Coombs, kindergartners at St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School in Morgantown, W.Va., work on a project at the school Jan. 20. Catholic school leaders say they have had to become creative to keep tuition affordable.

Keeping Catholic school tuition affordable requires creativity

By Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Making Catholic education accessible to everyone has been a mission of the church in the U.S. for centuries, but keeping it affordable in modern times has required innovative methods.

Religious orders and parish schools labored in the 19th century to bring education to everyone, which meant keeping it inexpensive. This could be done more easily when the majority of faculty and staff were priests or women religious and some schools were subsidized by tithing parishioners.

By the end of the 20th century, however, funding sources became scarce, the cost of education escalated, schools were staffed by the laity and tuition became almost out of reach for middle and lower-income families.

To make Catholic schools more affordable, dioceses, religious orders and individual schools are taking new steps.

Day of giving

Last winter, the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina, took part in its first "Day of Giving," an event sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association. The diocese raised more than $56,000 during a 24-hour period Jan. 30-31 for all Catholic schools within the diocese.

In total, more than $752,000 was raised nationally from 6,957 donations to 539 schools, three dioceses and the NCEA during the 2018 Day of Giving, an annual collection for Catholic schools.

Tuition-free

St. Joseph's School in Hazel Green, Wisconsin, tackled the tuition challenge for parents head-on by announcing plans to significantly restructure student tuition beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, essentially making it tuition free.

Under the new plan, student tuition will be 100 percent supported by the parish. Tuition for the Catholic kindergarten to eighth-grade school will be reduced to zero and school operating costs will be covered by fundraising efforts and general parish support.

"This overhaul is something we have been working toward for a while," said Andrew Tranel, a member of St. Joseph's Parent Education Commission. "We are now to the point where we are able to offer a Catholic education to every family who sees the value in it, regardless of their income level. We are beyond excited to be able to do this."

St. Joseph's pastor, Father Ken Frisch, said if this model is successful, it could inspire more schools to follow this framework.

Endowment foundation

In the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, the Catholic Schools Department recently released a plan to sustain schools and extend a Catholic education to more families with a new fund for tuition aid.

The Catholic Schools Endowment Foundation of Oregon will seek gifts from individuals, estates, organizations and businesses who believe more children should have access to the values and success Catholic schools offer.

The separate not-for-profit foundation housed at the Archdiocese of Portland Pastoral Center now has more than $7 million but leaders say it must grow significantly to meet the need.

Portland Archbishop Alexander K. Sample has told the foundation board he wants no family to be left out of Catholic schooling because of finances — something many families say keeps them away.

Peter Corrado, who directs the foundation, said: "Catholic education is not a privilege. It is a right for Catholics. We want any parent who wants to send a child to Catholic school to be able to. If people choose public school because Catholic school is unaffordable, that is unacceptable."

Innovative efforts

Barbara McGraw Edmondson, chief leadership and program officer at the NCEA, acknowledged that cost is a big factor preventing students from attending Catholic schools, but she said it also has led to innovative fundraising efforts and alternative tuition models especially to serve urban students. She said 29 states and the District of Columbia have some sort of school scholarship program in place — meaning vouchers, tax credits or education savings accounts.

One unique alternative tuition model is offered by the Cristo Rey schools, which use a corporate work-study program where students are required to work in the community one day a week, earning job experience and a wage that helps pay for their tuition.

It's been 22 years since the first Cristo Rey school opened in Chicago and three more are slated to open in 2019 in Oakland, California, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth, Texas, putting the total at 35.

Nationally, there are 38 religious communities sponsoring Cristo Rey schools; in some areas, two communities work together in the same school. The Jesuits partner with 12 Cristo Rey schools, the most of any religious community.

It costs about $13,000 a year to educate a student enrolled at the Cristo Rey New York High School in Harlem, said Bill Ford, the school's principal.

He said the income from the student's salary pays for the majority of the tuition. Fundraising pays for the second highest percentage and the parents are responsible for the remaining $1,500.

"This way, everyone has skin in the game," Ford told Catholic News Service. "We see this as a key element to the success of these students. The student is working for the tuition, making it more valuable to them, and the parents and school are also invested."

The good news about the expansion is that the school model, started by Jesuit Father John Foley, exclusively targets students in poor communities who otherwise might never receive a college-preparatory, Catholic high school education.

The bad news is that with so many pockets of poor communities, there is no end in sight to the need for Cristo Rey schools, said Elizabeth Goettl, president and chief executive officer of the Cristo Rey Network.

Cristo Rey's team, she said, "receives one to two calls a week" from representatives of failing schools or from community leaders desperate to find a way to help educate their children.

Contributing to this story were Amy Wise Taylor in Charleston, Mary Uhler in Madison, Wisconsin, Ed Langlois in Portland and Michael Brown in Tucson, Arizona.

Talk story
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Sorrow and mourning f ee away

The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water. And the ransomed of the Lord shall enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy. They meet with joy and gladness … sorrow and mourning flee away. (Isaiah 35: 7, 10)

"Families Belong Together and Free." We recently saw this bold, joyful message emblazoned on a banner carried by Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, Texas, and other religious leaders at an El Paso border procession and inter-faith prayer service. (See photo on page 21.) This event took place in the burning 100 degrees of a summer evening with nearly a thousand people of multiple ethnicities expressing their solidarity with millions of migrants and refugees throughout the world. The participants were asked to generate creative images and moving music, to "see and hear the heroic perseverance in all those who have made this journey before us, and the hope in all those who will make this journey after us."

Bishop Seitz proclaimed that accompanying migrants and refugee is not abstract issue: "It's something that touches upon our daily living. I believe it touches upon what kind of Christian we're going to be, how much you are like Christ and recognize Christ in the vulnerable and the weak."

The procession and prayer service coincided with the one-year anniversary of Bishop Seitz's inspiring pastoral letter on immigration, "Sorrow and Mourning Flee Away," which began with these words:

"Four years ago, I came to the Chihuahuan Desert to take up the responsibility given to me by Pope Francis to steward the Church of God in El Paso. I came as a migrant to a community of migrants. Since then, I have seen your works, your faith, your charity and your endurance. I have shared in your challenges: the difficulties of raising a family today, anxieties about the future that tempt our young people, and the loneliness that burdens the old. Even in the midst of these struggles, with the burning sands and thirsty ground of summer, in the faith of the people of El Paso I have seen sorrow and mourning flee."

This message of hope and fleeing sorrow echoed throughout this summer event as speakers talked story about how to accompany migrants and refugees. All were reminded of Pope Francis' call to look at migrants with "the contemplative gaze of faith" and to recognize that "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with God."

Encountering God through the most vulnerable helps us recognize the dignity of every person and his and her basic right to migrate and seek refuge or asylum. The overflow crowd was called to challenge any efforts that criminalize migration and separate families and instead to embrace the blessing of being on the border to experience God with the marginalized. The celebration and talk lasted late into the hot summer night.

The spirit of the event echoed the message Pope Francis delivered in 2016 on the Juarez/El Paso border: "We belong to a church without frontiers, a church which considers herself mother to all.

"Every year, the faithful of Ciudad Juárez, Las Cruces and El Paso come together to celebrate the Border Mass. We find ourselves divided by a fence or a river, by an economy of exclusion or unjust migration policies. Yet, even in the midst of all that divides us, our border faith celebrations are a joyful reminder that the eucharistic Christ is building a new humanity, leading all of us together to the New Jerusalem.

"Our Lady of Guadalupe inspires in us a vision of the Americas as a great Temple for God's people, where the ransomed of the Lord shall enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy. May these bonds of charity continue to grow and inflame our hearts. May we take up new and prophetic actions to bring about the Kingdom of justice, truth and reconciliation in order to transform this desert, so that the burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water."

For the full inspiring text of "Sorrow and Mourning Flee Away," go to bordermigrant.org

Mahalo,

Your friends at the Office for Social Ministry

U.S. Marianists give Chaminade $1.5 million for leadership center

The Marianist Province of the United States has given Chaminade University of Honolulu $1.5 million to create a center that will offer a four-year leadership development program for undergraduate students. Launching this fall, the Marianist Center for Student Leadership will be an educational hub with curricula based on Marianist, Catholic and Hawaiian values, and the principles of ethical leadership.

In a news release, Chaminade president Lynn M. Babington said the Center for Student Leadership "will deliver a core set of content and experiences through which students will learn about leadership models and develop the skills they need to positively impact and transform the world around them."

The program will give students the opportunity to practice effective, ethical leadership as students, as citizens in civic life and community service, and in their future careers.

Babington said the center will bring consistency and a "cohesive leadership philosophy" to the university's existing leadership opportunities in the areas of campus ministry, athletics, entrepreneurship, residential life, student ambassador programs, student government and peer tutoring.

The initiative "will groom our students for their post-graduate careers and to serve their communities," she said.

Students who complete the four-year program will earn a certificate of leadership development.

The Society of Mary (Marianists) founded Chaminade University in 1955 and continues as its sponsor. Providing a well-rounded education, including leadership development, is central to the Marianist mission.

This gift honors the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society of Mary in 1817 by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade in Bordeaux, France.

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Pulling for vocations

July 21 was Young Adults Summer Sports Day at Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in Waialae-Kahala. The Diocese of Honolulu's Vocations Office and the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry hosted the event.

Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST

50 years ago — Aug. 2, 1968

Before Father Comes

Left, Emmett Devin as Valere enjoys a stolen moment with the miser's daughter, Elise (right), played by Andrea Anderson, while her trusted maid, Brindavoine, starring Stephanie Hall, tries to separate the couple before Elise's father arrives on the scene in the Chaminade College production of Moliere's The Miser which opened last night at the Sacred Hearts Academy Auditorium on Waialae and Sixth Avenues. Part of the College's 1968 Summer Theatre Workshop Comedy Festival, The Miser, rewritten by director Dr. John Hurd, is offered in a new American version. (Photo by Blanche Kort)

25 years ago — Aug. 13, 1993

Big Island, Big Hearts

By Patricia Tossey

Carol Ignacio is the backbone of Hawaii Island Social Ministry or HISM. She's a tireless dynamo with a neighbor island state of mind, juggling dozens of projects and programs with an easygoing warmth and grace. …

One thing about the Big Island – it's BIG. Carol has already clocked an amazing 35,000 miles on a one-year-old car. That's nearly 100 a day, weekends included. My day and a half with Carol added a few hundred more.

10 years ago — Aug. 22, 2008

Four deacons emerge from the Micronesian community

Four Chuukese permanent deacons who have been living and working in Hawaii have recently been assigned by Bishop Larry Silva to serve the rising number of Micronesian Catholics living in Hawaii.

Deacons Julio Akapito, Misa Sewen, Peter Soumwei and Chitaro William have begun to look into and help with parish ministries such as marriage and baptism preparation, assisting at Masses said in the Chuukese language, and collecting census data from Micronesian Catholics in the hope of incorporating them into full parish life.

Photo courtesy of Pacita Baron

Having a field day

Cathy Galvez, winner of the "rock paper scissor" game at the Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs annual field day July 15 at the NAVFAC Ball Field, is congratulated by Amy Jodar and Ben Cabreros. The event for the Oahu council, which represents 10 parish clubs, included an outdoor Mass, a potluck meal and lots of fun games, including "rock paper scissors," a hilarious physical game of elimination; Bible trivia; a water game; a blindfolded animal sound group competition; and a raffle. The objective of the field day is for the membership to get together and get to know each other with no discussion of business. The outdoor Mass adds a feeling of spiritual growth as one big family. It was a pleasant and joyful day, according to organizers.

Catholic Charities receives $700,000 for Kauai, Hawaii Island relief ef orts

Catholic Charities Hawaii has extra financial support for its Kauai flood relief efforts and Hawaii Island volcano recovery.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs gave CCH a $200,000 grant for Kauai recovery. The Hawaii Community Foundation gave $252,000 and Catholic Charities USA gave $120,000 for both Kauai and Big Island recovery. Combined with additional individual donations CCH has collected a total of $700,000.

"So far, the funds have provided assistance to over 600 adults and children affected by the natural disasters on Kauai and Hawaii Island," said CCH president and CEO Terry Walsh in a July 25 press release.

The funds have provided temporary housing subsidies and support for Kauai flood victims. They have also helped Puna residents with emergency home repairs and other needs. Displaced residents have received food and clothing stipends, tents and beds, bus tickets, and gas money for commuting, going to medical treatments and running errands.

"The donations have come from local residents and organizations here and from around the world," said Walsh. "We are truly grateful for everyone's generosity and humbly ask for prayers and assistance as events unfold in the ongoing recovery efforts. We are committed to continue our outreach and service to help those affected by the disasters for the long haul."

Affected residents needing assistance can contact CCH's Hilo office at 961-7050 or its Kauai office at 241-4673.

Want to donate? Visit www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/relief-support or call 527-4820.

Bishop expands appeal beyond Hawaii

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Bishop Larry Silva has started a "special relief and recovery collection" to collect funds locally and beyond Hawaii to help victims of the ongoing Kilauea volcano eruption on the Big Island.

Bishop Larry Silva last month wrote a letter to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops asking for contributions.

The bishop asked that his letter be posted on the USCCB website, either for general view or for "bishops only."

"Hundreds of residents are facing a devastating loss of homes, jobs and increasing health issues," the bishop wrote. "Fortunately, our local communities have been rallying … to provide relief and recovery."

"One of the most inspiring images of hope," the bishop said, "has the been the miraculous Sacred Heart Shelter of 20 emergency houses built by people young and old of all faiths on diocesan property next to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pahoa."

The bishop cited HOPE Services Hawaii and Catholic Charities Hawaii as two diocesan-sponsored organizations that have collaborated with private and public groups "to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable.

But much more needs to be done, he said, "and we ask for your help."

Bishop Silva said he initiated the collection after, at the USCCB semi-annual meeting, "many bishops compassionately approached me offering their concern and asking how they might help."

The bishop said that the money will go toward financial assistance to help evacuees with living expenses, temporary shelters and long-term recovery.

He asked that the contributions, which are tax deductible, be sent to HOPE Services Hawaii, 296 Kilauea Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720; or online at www.hopeserviceshawaii.org. Donations should be designated for "lava recovery."

"For all here in Hawaii I ask your prayers, and thank you in advance for your generosity in responding to those in need as together we witness to Jesus," he concluded.

Wahiawa parish to mark anniversary with evening of worship and praise

"Remembering the Past and Rejoicing the Present," an evening of worship and praise in song, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 19, will kick off the 90th anniversary of Our Lady of Sorrows "Mission" Church in Wahiawa.

The Rejoice Choir, under the direction of Jorell Nacapuy, will feature songs of the past and present. The parish youth ministry will perform a skit, and the Pursuit Choir will share their songs of praise.

All are welcome to join the celebration at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 1403-A California Ave., Wahiawa. The doors open at 6 p.m., program begins at 6:30 pm. and light refreshments will follow from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All love offerings will benefit Our Lady of Sorrows Forward In Faith Campaign.

Using a church trucked over from the Ewa plantation by Sacred Hearts Father Charles Windels, Our Lady of Sorrows was first established in 1928 in Wahiawa as a mission of St. Michael, Waialua.

It was elevated to parish status in 1939 under Sacred Hearts Father Peter Van Megan.

The present church and rectory were dedicated in 1959.

The parish will celebrate its 90th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 16.

New Catholic men's conference to meet this month

A new Hawaii Catholic men's conference is having its inaugural gathering this month.

Themed "Fidei Defensor" or "Defender of the Faith," the Oahu Catholic Men's Conference will take place 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 25, in the community hall at Catholic Charities Hawaii's Clarence T.C. Ching Campus at 1822 Keeaumoku St., Honolulu.

It is open to all men. Conference organizer Jared Zick said he hopes to expand the event beyond Oahu in coming years.

Keynote speakers are Doug Barry, host of EWTN's show "Battle Ready," and Dallas Carter, a diocesan master catechist. The conference will also include Mass, confession, food, fellowship, and ministry booths.

Barry will also speak at the "Battle Ready Rally" at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. That event is open to everyone, not just men.

The idea for the men's conference emerged in summer and fall of 2017 after a conversation Zick had with Kristina DeNeve, diocesan adult faith formation and evangelization coordinator. Three breakfast gatherings, in January, March and June, helped get the word out about the conference.

"I am very devoted to the New Evangelization, especially that of men," Zick said. "As Catholic men we need to encourage one another to fulfill our obligation to our families, our communities and our church."

The cost of the Oahu Men's Conference is $27.86, which also covers the food.

Go to 808catholic.org or call Jared Zick at (910) 797-5505 for more information.

The men's conference is being sponsored by the With Grateful Hearts campaign and the Office for Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization.

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REPORT | 2018 NATIONAL DIACONATE CONGRESS, JULY 22-26, NEW ORLEANS

Beignets and blessings

Gathering of deacons celebrates and challenges the ministry on the 50th anniversary of its restoration

By Deacon Michael Weaver
Special to the Herald

"You are the leaders of the New Evangelization, standing at the nexus of the church and the world. You are pioneers of the civilization of love!"

With these challenging words, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the United States, opened the 2018 National Diaconate Congress on July 22 in New Orleans. Taking the theme "Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today, and Forever," the five-day gathering of more than 2,000 deacons and deacon candidates and their wives — including a delegation of nearly 80 deacons, wives, candidates and family members from Hawaii — was convened in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the diaconate in the United States.

The weeklong conference, which one deacon called "a week of beignets (a square of dough, fried and sprinkled with sugar) and blessings," was a time of both celebration and challenge, with numerous general sessions and daily workshops focused on practical, pastoral, and personal reflection and renewal for the deacons and their wives.

Joining the deacons were Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, the first general session speaker; and Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the archbishop of Galveston-Houston and the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Cardinal DiNardo celebrated the congress' closing liturgy.

Many bishops from around the country, including our own Bishop Larry Silva, joined the gathering for liturgical celebrations throughout the week. Members of the Hawaii delegation noted with affection and appreciation that Bishop Silva attended the entire conference, indicating again his commitment and support for the diaconate in our diocese.

Among the presenters were prominent members of the diaconate, including Deacon Jim Keating, author of numerous books on the diaconate including "The Heart of the Diaconate" and "A Deacon's Retreat"; Deacon Greg Kandra, Emmy Award-winning journalist and blogger ("The Deacon's Bench"); and Deacon Bill Ditewig, internationally known authority on the history and theology of the diaconate and current visiting instructor for the Hawaii deacon formation program.

Photo courtesy of Scott Warden

Bishop Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, Missouri, acknowledges a kukui nut lei he received from Deacon Mike and Leoda Shizuma of Molokai.

Photo courtesy of Lina Carahasen

Bishop Larry Silva addresses a gathering of Hawaii deacons and wives at the 2018 National Diaconate Congress July 22-26 in New Orleans.

Each of the deacons celebrated their ministries and those of their fellow deacons, while also challenging the gathering. Deacon Keating called on deacons to be "less American and more Christian," removing ourselves from the popular cultural influences of our day. Deacon Kandra asked the deacons to use social media in more positive and productive ways as he urged the assembly to be "the vanguard of the New Evangelization."

Deacon Ditewig exhorted the deacons to be "envelope pushers" and "risk takers," "fishers of men, not caretakers of the aquarium."

If there was a common thread of emotion among those who attended the Congress in New Orleans, a city celebrating its 300th birthday this year, it was the feeling of the celebration of, and commitment to, their ministries. One could feel it at Morning Prayer in the Grand Hall as 3,000 voices joined as one in glorious praise. It could be heard in the laughter of friendships, new and old, in the hallways and hotel lobbies, at restaurants and pubs around The Crescent City.

What was once only a theoretical, perhaps abstract, understanding of the community and fraternity of the diaconate, had become a very real, very poignant, heartfelt sense of who we are as deacons, called to act in the image of Christ the Servant as ministers of Word, charity and liturgy.

Together with our wives and our families, and in solidarity with the more than 18,000 deacons and their wives across the nation (50 percent of all the deacons in the world, by the way), we left New Orleans renewed, refreshed and radiant with the energy of the Holy Spirit, ready to be pioneers of the civilization of Christ's love for the world.

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Damien grad 'ecstatic' about call to priesthood, Air Force chaplaincy

By Anna Weaver
Hawaii Catholic Herald

A 2007 Damien Memorial High School graduate with less than a year until his ordination to the priesthood has aspirations to become an Air Force chaplain.

Chris Yakkel was ordained a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Columbus in Ohio on May 4. Presiding at the ordination was Columbus' Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, with Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, the head of the Archdiocese for Military Services, concelebrating.

"Regardless of whether I'm serving as a chaplain or as a parish priest here in Columbus, I'm ecstatic to be able to serve wherever God wants me to," Yakkel said in a phone interview with the Hawaii Catholic Herald.

Yakkel, who was born in North Carolina, grew up in a practicing Catholic family. His father, retired Air Force colonel Ron Yakkel, moved his family with him on Air Force assignments to Washington, Illinois, Oklahoma, England and Hawaii.

While in Hawaii, the Yakkel family mostly attended Mass at base chapels and occasionally at St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea. Chris and his brother, Stevie, went to Damien Memorial High School in Kalihi.

Chris spent his junior and senior years at Damien and made many good friends there. While he was not thinking about being a priest at the time, he said that in retrospect, the all-boys environment of Damien prepared him for the seminary.

"It was my first initial taste of what brotherhood is," he said. "Just the whole motto of Viriliter Age, act manfully."

Yakkel had many teachers at Damien that were influential on his faith life. Also making a big impact was going on an Encounter retreat both of his years at Damien. It got him excited to keep practicing his Catholic faith at college, he said.

Courtesy photo

Deacon Chris Yakkel's Damien graduation photo

Yakkel next went to the Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, getting involved with Catholic campus ministry, going on retreats, and graduating with a degree in health and sports studies.

It was at college where Yakkel said he first seriously considered becoming a priest, thanks to getting even more involved in his faith on campus. After his graduation in 2011, he applied to NET Ministries, which enlists young adult Catholics in youth ministry. As the Yakkel family was still living in Hawaii at the time, Chris asked Bishop Larry Silva if the Diocese of Honolulu would sponsor him during NET. It did.

"Even though I'm not studying for the Diocese of Honolulu, I'm really grateful for Bishop Silva's support," he said.

Yakkel did two years of missionary work with NET. Those two years helped him establish a daily, personal prayer life and solidified his decision to enter seminary.

"Having that constant communication with the Lord, and spending time with him every day in prayer and also having a life soaked in the sacraments," really made an impact, he said.

Courtesy photo

Damien Memorial alumnus Chris Yakkel greets Pope Francis after serving at Mass with him at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Jan. 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

"It had gotten to the point where I was thinking about priesthood every single day."

A priest in the military

The idea of being a military chaplain seemed to arise naturally alongside Chris' realization that God was calling him to be a priest. Not only was his father in the Air Force, but several other family members also served in the military. It was a familiar environment.

There's also a great need for Catholic priests in the military. According to the Archdiocese of Military Services, 25 percent of U.S. service members are Catholic, but only 6 percent of military chaplains are Catholic priests. Priest chaplain numbers have been dropping steadily since Sept. 11.

The Air Force currently has 59 priests to serve 80,000 Catholic Air Force personnel, or 1 in every 1,350, not including families of those service members.

"There are priests going overseas who are running into service men and women who haven't seen a priest in months," Yakkel said.

"If God is calling me to be a priest, I'd love to be a vessel to bring the sacraments to those Catholics who are serving in the military and their families as well."

After finishing a two-year commitment with NET Ministries, Yakkel entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, where he is entering his fourth year of theology studies. He hopes to graduate with his master's in divinity in May 2019 and be ordained shortly thereafter.

He will do three years of pastoral work for the Diocese of Columbus before going on loan to the Archdiocese of Military Services as a chaplain. However, he's already started his military training. He's currently an Air Force reservist and spent this summer serving as a second lieutenant at Misawa Air Base in Japan.

Yakkel says he'd love it if he got stationed in Hawaii as an Air Force chaplain someday.

"It would be a dream of mine to be able to go back and celebrate a school Mass at Damien down the road," he said.

He wants people to know "how thrilled I am to be ordained a priest."

"I feel so blessed and honored that God called me to this great vocation and this big responsibility," Yakkel said. "And I just ask people to pray for me that I would fulfill that vocation faithfully."

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Pictured, from left, Father Mark Gantley, Msgr. Gary Secor, Bishop Julio Angkel, Father Bruce Roby and Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona.

Micronesian bishop makes official Hawaii visit

The new coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of the Caroline Islands made an official visit to the Diocese of Honolulu's central offices on July 26.

Bishop Julio Angkel, who was installed on Feb. 4, was on Oahu for a weeklong visit in July with the Chuukese Catholic Community here.

The visit included a July 28 community celebration at Halawa District Park and a "first Mass" celebrated by Bishop Angkel at Holy Family Parish in Honolulu on July 29.

During his visit to the diocese's chancery, Bishop Angkel met with judicial vicar Father Mark Gantley, vicar general Msgr. Gary Secor, visiting priest Father Bruce Roby, the first Chuukese priest ordained in the U.S., and Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona, pastor of St. Augustine, Waikiki.

Father Gantley helped establish the Chuukese Catholic Community in Hawaii and Father Akiona is the community's chaplain.

The Diocese of the Caroline Islands includes Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia, the latter of which includes Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae.

As coadjutor bishop, Bishop Angkel will become the Caroline Islands' bishop upon the death or retirement of current Bishop Amando Samo. Bishop Angkel is from Chuuk originally.

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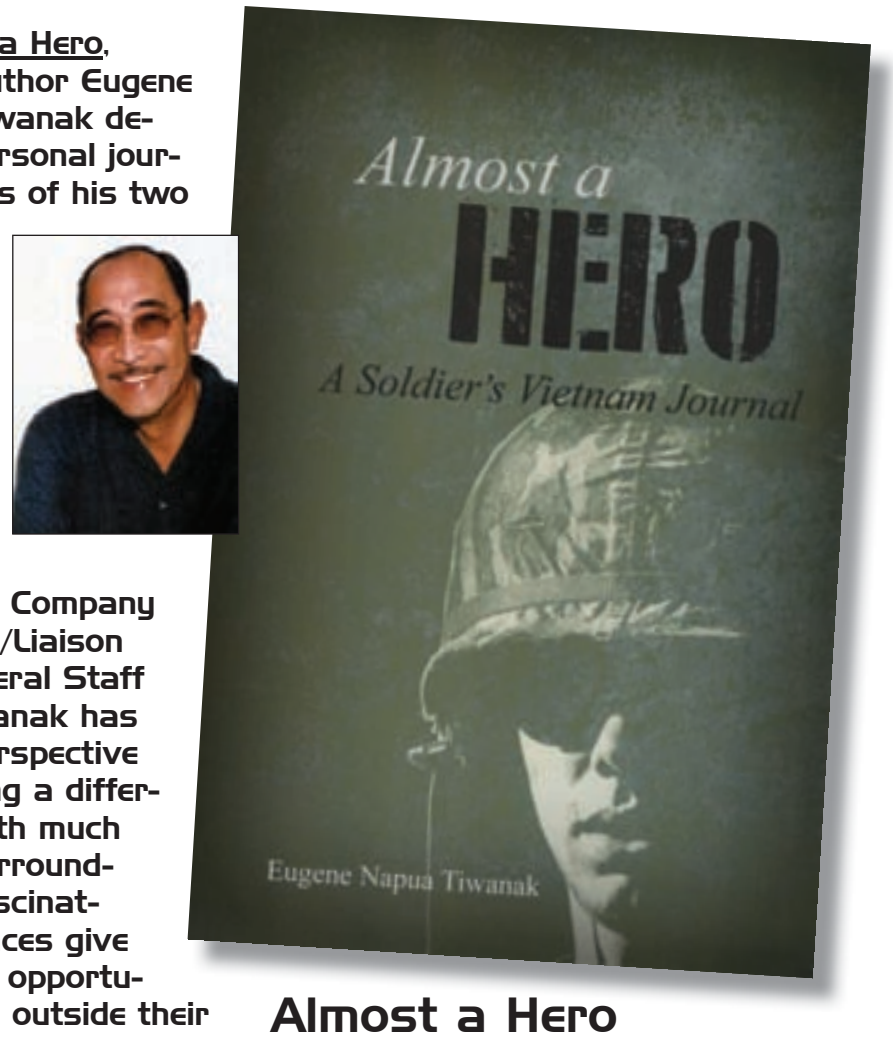

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The Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace in the late 1800s.

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The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace today.

Cathedral to mark 175th with Mass in renovated sanctuary

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

The diocese will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace with the blessing of the church's renovated sanctuary at a 6 p.m. Mass, Aug. 16, celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva. The actual anniversary is a day earlier, Aug. 15. The church was dedicated in 1843.

Since January, workers have been drilling, digging, pounding and plastering behind a temporary 16-foot-high white wall that has blocked off the cathedral sanctuary from the rest of the church.

When the wall comes down, planned for Aug. 13, it will reveal an expanded sanctuary floor, restored stained glass windows, and a new burial vault for bishops.

The 175th anniversary Mass will include rituals calling attention to these changes.

Carried into the church in procession will be the cathedra, or bishop's chair; the bishop's coat of arms; and the tintinabulum and ombrellino, the bell and umbrella that are symbols of a basilica. All of these items will be put in their new designated places and blessed.

The bishop will also bless four restored stained glass windows, the renovated sanctuary area, and a new addition to the church, the bishops' burial crypt.

The final restoration phases, three through six, will include the building of a St. Damien and St. Marianne reliquary chapel extending from the cathedral's mauka side, renovations to the interior, new pews, a new tile floor, cleaning of the vaulted ceilings, restoration of the pipe organ, landscaping and more.

Among the goals of the $15 million project, according to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign website, is to "honor and invoke the 19th century time period of St. Damien and St. Marianne," who both used the church, which is recognized officially as a historic building.

Emulating the 19th-century look will be new flooring tile, an octagonal ambo or pulpit, old-fashioned confessionals, oil lamp-style lighting fixtures and the remastering of the original oil-painted stations of the cross.

New additions will be a marble altar and matching marble baptismal font; also a new sound and video system.

The history of Catholicism's mother church in Hawaii

Compiled from the writing of Father Louis H. Yim, Sacred Hearts Father Robert Schoofs and the website of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Father (later Bishop) Louis Maigret's Aug. 15, 1843, journal entry recording the day of the dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace was certainly succinct. It starts with a single word, "Komohale," Hawaiian for "housewarming," or "coming into a new house." The image above is from Bishop Maigret's journal from the Sacred Hearts congregational archives collection in Kaimuki.

The rest of the entry, translated from shorthand French, is "3 Masses celebrated simultaneously. 800 communicants. Blessed and rang the bells."

There is no mention of the church's name, the three years it took to build it, or details of the celebration. Three Masses were possible because the cathedral had one main altar and two side altars.

July 7, 1827: The first Catholic missionaries arrive in Hawaii.

July 14, 1827: The first recorded Mass on Hawaiian soil is celebrated in a grass hut on a rented lot in Honolulu.

January 1828: Hawaii's first Catholic church is built on land granted by Kamehameha III where the sanctuary of Our Lady of Peace Cathedral stands today.

June 22, 1840: The Hawaii mission's first bishop Stephen Rouchouze signs a contract with Honolulu businessman Francis J. Greenway for the building of a coral block cathedral at a cost of $15,000.

Aug. 6, 1840: The cathedral's cornerstone in laid and construction begins.

Jan. 3, 1841: Bishop Rouchouze leaves for France to procure personnel and supplies for the Hawaii mission. On the return trip in 1943 his ship is lost at sea. Besides the bishop, the mission loses six priests, one subdeacon, seven lay brothers and 10 sisters.

Aug. 15, 1843: After financial difficulties and construction delays, the cathedral is finally dedicated on the feast of the Assumption. At 7 a.m., three Masses are celebrated simultaneously at the main altar and two side altars. At 10 a.m. a High Mass is offered. Combined Oahu choirs sing. About 800 people receive Communion that day.

Aug. 30, 1846: Pope Pius IX appoints Father Louis Maigret the second vicar apostolic of Hawaii. He was consecrated bishop on Oct. 31, 1847, in Santiago, Chile.

c.1847: The cathedral receives a pipe organ, Hawaii's first, a French instrument with one keyboard and a half dozen sets of pipes.

c.1852: The cathedral installs its clock, now considered the oldest tower clock in Hawaii.

May 21, 1864: Damien de Veuster, Clement Evrard and Livinus Vanherens are ordained priests for the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in the cathedral.

May 2, 1876: The cathedral's second pipe organ arrives from London.

c.1870-1880: Bishop Maigret, inspired by his experience at the First Vatican Council, oversees a major renovation of the cathedral. The walls and the bell tower are raised four feet, a new roof built and a vaulted ceiling with gold leaf decorations installed. Casement windows with stained glass are put in. Two second floor side galleries increase the seating capacity. Thirty-six statuettes of saints are set above the gallery railings. A Calvary setting is placed above the altar, topped by life-size gilded statues of the Blessed Mother and her parents. Outside, the church's exposed coral blocks are stuccoed over and pilasters added to the walls. A humble island church is turned into an impressive European-style cathedral.

January 19, 1881: In the cathedral, prayers for safe travels are offered for King Kalakaua the day before he departs on his historic trip around the world. Upon his safe return nine months later, he attends a thanksgiving ceremony in the cathedral led by coadjutor Bishop Herman Koeckemann.

June 11, 1882: Bishop Maigret, builder of the cathedral, dies after 42 years of service in the Hawaiian Kingdom, 35 years as bishop. After his funeral in the cathedral, his body is carried in procession to the King Street Cemetery, but he is not buried there. His final resting place goes unrecorded for 100 years until 1981 when, during renovations, his tomb is discovered under the cathedral's sanctuary.

Nov. 8, 1883: St. Marianne Cope and six sisters of St. Francis from Syracuse, N.Y. arrive in Honolulu to assist the Hansen's disease patients at the Branch Hospital in Kakaako. Their first stop is the cathedral where a thanksgiving service is offered by Bishop Koeckemann.

Feb 19, 1888: St. Marianne attends the funeral of Hawaii's former prime minister, Walter Murray Gibson in the cathedral. As president of the board of health, Gibson was the Franciscan Sisters' primary sponsor and patron in Hawaii.

1910: Bishop Libert Boeynaems considers a major renovation the cathedral but does not follow through except to add an impressive, gothic front to the church, replace the wooden floor with a cement one, add new pews and a communion railing, and replace the termite-eaten steeple.

1927: Bishop Stephen P. Alencastre buys 81,000 square feet on the slopes of Punchbowl to build a new cathedral to replace the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. But the ambitious plan does not survive the devastating financial depression of 1929. Instead, other central Honolulu churches and a three-story chancery and clergy residence on Bishop Street are built.

1929: Bishop Alencastre takes down the gothic front and puts up the simple doric pillars seen on the cathedral facade today. The exterior plaster is replaced with cement.

February 3, 1936: Hawaii pays its final tribute to the earthly remains of St. Damien in the cathedral at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Alencastre. That same day, the remains, which had been exhumed in Kalaupapa on Jan. 27, 1936, begin their journey back to Belgium as requested by the Belgian government.

1940: Concrete buttresses, steel tie rods and steel trusses are added to strengthen the cathedral structure.

Nov. 9, 1940: Bishop Alencastre dies on the passenger liner Matsonia while returning to Honolulu from Los Angeles. The Maritime Union, which the bishop helped during a devastating shipping strike in 1936, erected a plaque on the cathedral to "their benefactor" with the accolade, "Labor never forgets."

1956: Bishop James J. Sweeney makes significant changes to the cathedral's interior including the installation of a baldachino over the altar, a bronze tabernacle and new light fixtures.

1967: Following the liturgical renewal of the Second Vatican Council, the communion rail is removed and a large marble altar constructed.

1981: A new cathedral rectory and chancery building is built, replacing the structure that had extended behind the cathedral to Bishop Street.

1993: Marking the cathedral's 150th anniversary, restoration of the stained glass windows and clerestory statues of the saints begins. A eucharistic devotional area is created around the tabernacle and separated from the rest of the church by a semitransparent screen. The pews are re-arranged to face each other, monastery-style, left and right of the widened center aisle where the altar and ambo are positioned.

May 10, 2014: The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments declares the cathedral a minor basilica.

September 6, 2015: Phase one of the newest renovation project begins. It includes the repair and reinforcement of the upstairs galleries, or balconies, which had extensive termite damage.

November, 2015: Phase one of the renovation is completed.

January, 2018: Phase two of the cathedral renovation begins.

August 16, 2018: The cathedral's phase two renovations will be blessed.

Jacques Arago [Public domain], from Wikimedia Commons

"The Baptism of the Prime Minister of the King of the Sandwich Islands" by Jacques Arago, 1819, pen, watercolor and graphite, Honolulu Museum of Art

Hawaii's first recorded baptism

The islands' earliest convert to Christianity became a Catholic 199 years ago this month

By Father Louis Yim
Special to the Herald

In the year 1819, before the arrival of Protestant and, later, Catholic missionaries to our island kingdom, a high ranking alii, on his own accord, made the bold decision to become a Christian. That summer he was baptized in the Catholic faith. The event took place on the deck of a French military vessel in Kawaihae Bay on the Big Island of Hawaii. The convert was the high chief Kalanimoku and the following account is the story of this moment in Hawaii's history.

When Kamehameha the Great died in Kailua, Kona, on May 8, 1819, his 22-year-old son, Liholiho, ascended the Hawaiian throne as Kamehameha II. Abiding by the kapu system, the young king was required to relocate to another domicile. Packing his massive belongings, he and his large court moved up the coastline to Kawaihae Bay in the district of Kohala. Establishing his new community here, Liholiho and his subjects paid tribute to the war god Kuka'ilimoku in his father's favorite Puukohola Heiau.

While these events were taking place, the French corvette (a type of small warship) Uranie, on a global voyage of exploration under the command of Captain Louis Freycinet, was sailing the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean. Having departed the island of Guam, the vessel was on course to the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) where Freycinet intended to refurbish his expedition with needed provisions and supplies.

By August 1819, Uranie was in Hawaiian waters and the captain, being informed that the local king was situated on the island called Hawaii, decided to make his island stop at Kawaihae Bay. Going ashore, Freycinet was greeted by a large crowd of islanders. Liholiho and the entire assembly of the royal court were there to welcome Uranie to the islands.

In the shade of his large grass house, the king carried on a normal diplomatic discussion with his visitor. Serving as an interpreter was his personal secretary, a young Frenchman named Jean Baptiste Rives. An interesting moment occurred when the king showed a keen interest in the captain's ceremonial sword at his side. Before the ending of their meeting, Freycinet handed the sword with its scabbard to the king and made this comment: "One does not need (a sword) when in the midst of ... friends!"

During their conversation, the king had spoken of a prominent chief named Kalanimoku. He was the prime minister of the kingdom and had distinguished himself throughout his devoted service to the late Kamehameha I. The king urged Freycinet to meet the chief. That afternoon the captain did greet Kalanimoku and invited him, along with his favorite wife, Likelike, for a visit aboard the Uranie.

While on board, Kalanimoku was introduced to the Abbe de Quelen, a Catholic priest assigned as chaplain for this French expedition. And here the story of the Catholic conversion of Kalanimoku begins.

Wished to become a Christian

Freycinet wrote in his journal that Kalanimoku, while walking on deck that evening, noticed the priest's "uniform."

"Informed of the functions of this ecclesiastic," Freycinet said, "he told him that for a long time he had wished to become a Christian and that therefore he begged him to be kind enough to baptize him."

According to Freycinet, the chief told the chaplain that his mother had been baptized and on her deathbed had "advised him to submit himself to this ceremony as soon as he might find the opportunity."

The priest agreed to Kalanimoku's request and the ceremony was scheduled for the next day. King Liholiho asked if he could attend.

The following day the king came on board accompanied by his five wives, his younger brother, the widow of the late Kamehameha I, the dowager queen Kaahumanu, and the men and women of Liholiho's court.

Freycinet describes the king as dressed in a blue "hussar" military uniform with gold braid and epaulets. With him were five officers, one carrying his sword, another his fan, two more holding "enormous blunderbusses" and the last one carrying his pipe, "which he was charged with keeping lighted."

The quarterdeck was decorated with flags, one spread on the deck for the princesses to sit on. Likelike and Kaahumanu were given chairs.

Freycinet's wife, Rose de Freycinet, in her journal, described the baptism from the window of her husband quarters, where she said she had a "perfect view of the ceremony and the spectators."

When Abbe de Quelen baptized Kalanimoku, the prime minister "appeared quite moved during the entire ceremony," she said.

The captain served as godfather and Kalanimoku took the baptismal name Louis.

Freycinet continued the story. "When the baptism was over, I served my guests refreshments on deck. It was really amazing to see with what rapidity bottles of wine and brandy disappeared."

The historic event was also captured in watercolor sketches by Jacques Arago, the ship's artist. He recorded a crowded scene with native Hawaiians in both western and native attire, uniformed members of the ship's crew and a contingent of smartly-dressed French marines standing at attention.

The book, "Paintings, Prints and Drawings of Hawaii From the Sam and Mary Cooke Collection," by David Forbes, describes a later engraving of the image as "stunning" and "clear evidence of the transitions then in effect in the islands."

"It is doubtful whether any of those present understood the full implication of the event," the book states.

After the baptism, the Uranie sailed on to Oahu where on Aug. 27 the Abbe de Quelen performed another on-board baptism, this time for Kalanimoku's brother Boki Kamauleule, the governor of Oahu.

The following year, 1820, would see the arrival of the American Protestant missionaries and the establishment of their mission. The Catholics officially founded their Hawaii mission in 1827 with the coming from France of priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Kalanimoku died before the arrival of the Catholic missionaries, but they found a friend and staunch supporter in Boki.

the parish news

1 KALIHI KAI

St. Anthony Parish

Our parish celebrated **102 years** on June 13. Leading up to the event was a novena and nine days of fun-filled festivities from June 4 to 12, with the theme "Growing in Faith, Hope and Love." Parish ministries and organizations led the novena prayers and activities, such as **Movie Night, Praise and Worship, Senior Night, Game Night with the Youth and Young Adult, Zumba, Taize Prayer, General Cleaning and an elderly visit at Maluhia**. One highlighted activity was **Ohana Day**, when families enjoyed food, entertainment, games and prizes. The celebration ended June 13, on the Feast Day of St. Anthony. The evening Mass, celebrated by **Msgr. Gary Secor,** was followed by an appreciation dinner. Members of parish ministries and organizations were recognized for their outstanding service at the parish. St. Anthony, pray for us! *(Reported by Leeza Agpaoa)*

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Sacred Heart Parish

Appreciating **Father Eli**. Blessed are we at Sacred Heart. **Bishop Larry Silva** sent Father Eli to our parish after a few years of priests staying a year and leaving. Little did we know at that time what Father Eli had in store for us. **Spiritually** (celebrating and decorating our church in ways we never did before). **Sustainability** (You have to come here to see the papaya trees lining our driveway — 60-plus, the squash, the pumpkin, the banana and more) and **updating repairs on buildings, complete renovation of our rectory and soon to come roofing and repairs to St. Damien Hall**. People are fast to complain about trivial things, but slow to appreciate who Bishop Larry sent us. **Claude Caravalho** took the bull by the horns and called a meeting to plan a get-together to honor Father in celebration of 34 years serving as a priest and his 67th birthday. About 50 parishioners journeyed with Father Eli to the buffet at the Marriott. (Everybody paid their own meals plus chipped in to pay for Father and his guest.) We cannot thank Father Eli enough for all he continues to do for our parish. Mahalo Bishop Larry for sending him to us and may he spend many more years leading his flock at our parish. *(Reported by Lee Rivera)*

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St. Elizabeth Parish

Sister Ruth Zonunthari and her **Good Samaritan troops** were busy bees on July 6 as they gathered to host the annual **Summer Festival** for the guests of our community who just need a little extra help and enjoyment from time to time. Sister arranged games, door prizes, assorted take-away gifts and food aplenty. We feasted on noodles, sliced beef, ribs, chicken, curry, salads, fruits and an overabundance of desserts and ice cream. There were many happy faces among our 50 guests and an almost equal number of ministry members as they mingled. Our parish is truly blessed to have Sister Ruth. She recognized the needs of many in our neighboring communities when she first arrived six years ago and, Voila!, the Good Samaritan ministry was born. Sister's foresight coupled with the ongoing generosity of our parishioners and volunteers to provide for others every week is truly inspiring. Stewardship and evangelization are holding hands at St. Elizabeth. And tell me, have you ever seen a happier bunch of volunteers? *(Reported by Wendy Ford)*

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4 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

On June 2, about 200 parishioners, friends and family gathered to celebrate the first sacerdotal anniversary of our parochial vicar, **Father Alfred Omar Guerrero**. Our pastor, **Father Pascual Abaya IV**, did the opening prayer, expressing the parish's gratitude for the work and exuberance of his partner-in-ministry. The entertainment included hula by **Celia Pereira, Julia Cabatu Arlene Aranita, Carmela Limatoc** and **Geri Roylo Aranaydo**. The We Got Talent contest winner **Monica Velasco** sang two songs. The **Serenaders of Our Lady of Manaoag** did a beautiful personalized medley of songs for Father Alfred. While they sang their last song, Father Alfred danced with some of his family in a display of appreciation and love. **Kalo Maiava** presented monetary gifts from the **Samoan Choir**. Of course, food was in abundance, including a whole lechon. We are blessed with so many generous parishioners and Father Alfred's family as well, who provided this amazing feast. **Rose Daguio** was the host of the game, "How Well Do You Know Father Alfred?" Contestants were Father Pascual, seminarian in residence **Ace Tui**, and deacons **Tom Miyashiro** and **Ray Lamb**. We learned a lot about Father Alfred and discovered that Father Pascual really does know Father Alfred (see photo). The **Young Adults Ministry** sang and played ukulele. **Sage Valdez** and another did a hip-hop dance. The **Young Adults Ministry** sang "The Twelve Months of Fatherhood" to the tune of the "Twelve Days of Christmas." This was followed by a special song for Father Alfred, to the tune of the Father Damien song sung by our daily Mass **Sunshine Choir**. It was a loving tribute to Father Alfred's local ways. One verse said, "He teaches with patience, speaks with bounces and gestures, he'll try anything different for parishioners to learn." The **Young Adults** performance including hip-hop dancing. Father Alfred thanked everyone who was involved in his party. Happy anniversary, Father Alfred! We wish you many more years of blessings as a priest and disciple of the Lord. *(Reported by Naomi Amuro)*

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5 KALAHEO

Holy Cross Parish

May 20 was First Communion Sunday. Three youths from the **EDGE** and **LifeTeen** programs joined 21 other First Communicants receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. They are **Cooper Adversario, Shantelle Alayvilla, Dayton Albano, Blake Antonio, Jayvier Butay, Leici-Mae Camara, Taelor Camelo, Tiernie Marie Clagett, Blaze Travis Cruz, Joe-Ranthony Helgen, Waileia Ibbs, Kyle Johnson, Kahena Lindsey, Eden Moises, Kobe Perpose, Alliah Punzalan, Jaela Cano Ragsac, Keycee Saniatan, Shaun Santella, Jordan Simao-Raposas, Luke Stein, Rhian Cassedy Trinidad, Jayred Tumbaga** and **Jemeica Tumbaga.** … Congratulations to all **2018 graduates** of high schools, colleges and post-secondary schooling and training! The Baccalaurean Mass was celebrated on May 27. May you all be successful in your choice of endeavors. God Bless! … The **confirmandi**, confirmed in June, have benefitted from two years of participation in LifeTeen. **Melinda Santella** is the lead presenter for the LifeTeen sessions. **Allison Carveiro**, director of religious education at St. Raphael, is the lead catechist. The confirmandi from Holy Cross Parish are **Fred Adella, Wendell Batangan, Caitlyn Garcia, D'Andra Helgen, Michaela Pimental, Jordan Simao-Raposas, Jonah Stein, Selma Tausend** and **Jemeica Tumbaga.** … Parishioners had a mahalo party for **La Salette Father Antonio Abuan** June 9. We thank the La Salette Missionaries Community for sending Father Tony to be our pastor for the past three years. During this time our parish has become more prayerful and has made available formation opportunities not just to grow in our faith, but also in leadership, ministerial faith and training, and parish organization. Father Tony's leadership encouraged parishioners to be actively faithful and spiritual participants, not just reactive participators. Father Tony's new assignment is in the Diocese of San Bernardino in California. Holy Cross parishioners welcomed our new pastor **La Salette Father Danny Galang** on July 1. Aloha and welcome! Pictured is Confirmation, May 20, 2017, from left, **Father Antonio Abuan, Jemei Delos Reyes, Tansy Simao, Camryn Joy Garcia, Bishop Larry Silva.** *(Reported by Judy Cabating)*

6 EWA

Immaculate Conception Parish

The following **Knights of Columbus** officers for **Council 6734** were installed on June 30 for the Columbian Year 2018-2019. Chaplain: **Father Nick Brown**; Grand Knight: **Rolando "RJ" Juanillo**; Deputy Grand Knight: **Glenn Mendoza**; Chancellor: **Constantino Montero**; Recorder: **Thomas Crown**; Treasurer: **Joel Dumot Sr.**; Advocate: **Consolito Pabalinas**; Warden: **Diosdado Calapiz**; Inside Guard: **Phillip Unpingco**; Outside Guard: **Ivenele Cunanan**; Trustee for 1 year: **John Ignacio**; Trustee for 2 Years: **Antonio Comboy**; Trustee for 3 Years: **Magno Transfiguracion Jr.**; Lecturer: **Deacon Jonathan R. Ocampo**; Financial Secretary: **William Castillo**. Also in attendance were State Deputy **Mike Madix**, District Deputy **Alex Ty** (installing officer), District Warden **Eugene Sacdalan**, Honor Guard with Corps Commander **Melvin Cervantes**, and Membership Chairman **Cicero Seisdedos**. May the Holy Spirit be with these new officers of Council 6734 through all of their endeavors. *(Reported by Normand HJ Robert)*

7 NANAKULI

St. Rita Parish

On June 30, our parish celebrated its **90th year**. After much work by many volunteers, and many donations by parishioners, the **celebration** turned out to be a great success. The celebration was also a reminder to all that St. Rita needs a new church, hall and offices built. The buildings that exist now are not going to last much longer. The attendees enjoyed the show, food and each other. … Every year, **Knights of Columbus Council 11485** has a Fish Fry during Lent, and most of the funds collected go toward a scholarship for a deserving student. This year the recipient of the award was **Tony Cabral**, pictured. We wish him well with his future studies. *(Reported by Sebastian Lopez)*

8 KAPAA

St. Catherine Parish

Our parish hosted a **Healing Mass** on June 9 at 9 a.m. **Father Anthony Rapozo** celebrated assisted by **Father Norlito Concepcion**. Anointing with oil was offered, and after Mass the attendees were invited to come to the altar for personal healing prayers provided by **Terri Mansfield** and **Brenda Viado**. Afterward some of our healing team shared brunch at nearby Olympic Cafe. Pictured are **George, Brenda, Father Anthony, Stephen, Father Norlito, Al, Terri.** Our next Healing Mass is Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. *(Reported by Terri Donovan Mansfield)*

9 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

In preparation for the parish's **50th Jubilee Anniversary** in June 2019, four committees mirroring the four pillars of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2016-2020 were established to provide a year of celebration leading up to the Jubilee. The first quarter, July through September, is being led by the committee for **Leadership Development of Clergy and Laity**. A number of ministries provided booths showcasing their work before and after every weekend Mass. Every parish ministry will have an opportunity to recruit more help in the coming months. Pictured with **Father Ed Barut** is a group of **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for the Saturday evening Mass. The committee made a video to show at the end of each Mass to encourage parishioners to volunteer their God-given time, talent and treasure. The video ends by showing the seven committee members quoting Matthew 5:37: "'Let your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No.' Jesus wants you!" as they point toward the parishioners and the camera then pans up to Jesus on the cross. The first quarter celebration will culminate on the evening of Sept. 2 with a leadership development talk by **Msgr. Gary Secor**, followed by a movie night, refreshments and door prizes. It's our prayer that many more parishioners will be inspired to say YES to Jesus and become part of our church leadership. *(Reported by Derek Salis; photo by Joe Hernandez)*

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10 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

Ladd Ueoka was initiated into the Catholic Church on June 23! Welcome Ladd into our Catholic family! Pictured are **Father Jaime, Deacon Pat and St. Joseph Family**! *(Reported by Patrick Constantino)*

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11 MILILANI

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

Our parish **Health Ministry Health and Wellness Fair** took place on May 19. Mahalo to our guest speaker on elderly fall prevention, **Dr. Marel Vea**, surgeon at **Pali Momi Medical Center**. Thanks also to 10 vendors, our parish health team and the parishioners who made this event a success. *(Reported by Elaine Gibson)*

ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney Parish

Our parish celebrated the **Feast Day of St. John Vianney** at all Masses on the weekend of Aug. 4-5. After the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday, the parish held its monthly **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. That evening after the 5 p.m. Mass, the **Youth and Young Adults** committee sponsored a **Family Feast Day pot luck dinner** in the parish lounge. That same weekend, the **Parish Faith Formation Committee** launched a theme for the year: the Mass. The purpose of the theme is to add insight and understanding to our celebration of the sacred liturgy and to explain the meaning and history of what we do each Sunday. A bulletin insert outlined the topics to be reviewed over the next 12 months, including how the Mass is based on Scripture, the history of the Mass, the four parts of the Mass, how to ignite love for the Mass among nominal and former Catholics and, finally, how to explain the Mass to non-Catholics. Our goal is to ignite a deeper devotion of the Mass for everyone in our parish which will call us to service and a closer walk with Jesus Christ. As St. John Vianney himself said, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." *(Reported by Earl Walker)*

WAIALUA

St. Michael Parish

After 11 years of service to the **Congregation of the Sacred Hearts United States Province** and the people of God in Hawaii, **Father Benny Kosasih** is returning to his home province of Indonesia. Father Benny has ministered at St. Ann in Kaneohe and St. Michael and St. Peter and Paul Mission and most recently at St. Augustine in Honolulu. We thank him for his commitment to the people he has served! His final ministering was at St. Michael Church Aug. 4-5. A potluck reception was held Aug. 4 in Damien Hall after the 5 p.m. Mass. *(From the parish bulletin)*

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12 WAIMANALO

St. George Parish

On June 8, **eight couples** had their marriages blessed and convalidated during evening Mass. **Father Raymund Ellorin** performed each ceremony for the happy couples. *(Reported by Vicky DeSilva)*

HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

The **Young Adult Ministry** meets Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m., for those for whom English is a second language to practice English conversation. It meets on Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. for Bible study. And it meets on the second Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for a couple of hours of church cleaning. The ministry also helps out at the **Kakaako Family Shelter** and assists human trafficking victims, plus other projects. Check out www.facebook.com/YoungAdultsMinistry.Honolulu. *(From the parish bulletin)*

13 KIHEI

St. Theresa Parish

A special Mass was celebrated here on the Feast of Pentecost, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. when **92 young men and women** received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion and one gentleman, **Kelani Pong Pilson,** was received into full communion with the church. In keeping with the "proper order" initiative in our Diocese of Honolulu, five priests administered the sacraments. Our pastor, **Msgr. Terry Watanabe** was the celebrant. The concelebrants were **Father Gary Colton, Father Jim Orsini, Father Rich Perrosi** and **Father John Hatcher** who delivered the homily. Father John impressed upon these 92 that as they received the Holy Spirit, their faith is strengthened and they are ready to take an active role in their parish. As a visual representation of the joy in each one's heart, balloons appeared after communion and were presented to those who received sacraments. They reflected on the journey that brought them to this day and the reward for their diligence and perseverance. A reception followed in the courtyard. Those who received sacraments also received gifts of Holy Water to remind them of their baptism, a rosary and a pendant of the Holy Trinity. *(Reported by Anita Carrington; photo by Candie Pinaula)*

14 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

The weekend of July 27-28 our parish was blessed with two visiting priests, **Father Shaji Thomas** and **Father Paul Muthoottil** (brother of our parish priest **Father Chacko**). Father Shaji and Father Paul are members of the India province of the **Sons of Immaculate Conception Congregation**. This was Father Shaji (from India) and Father Paul's (from Australia) first visit to Maui. They were greeted with flower leis and a warm welcome from our parishioners. It was a blessing for St. Rita to have three priests celebrating Mass. Pictured are **Father Paul, Kamalei Omalza, Father Chacko, Diane Nifong, Father Shaji Robert Robello** and **Barbara Kaholokula**. *(Reported by Esther Yap)*

15 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Four college graduates and **six high school graduates** were acknowledged at our parish's **Baccalaureate Mass** on July 1. *(Reported by Rossana "Rani" Laurel)*

16 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

St Jude's Vocation Ministry Team honored **Mother Mary** with the rosary prayer and lighted candles upon the cross. *(Reported by Hannah Lima)*

17 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

On July 8, at **Immaculate Conception Church**, Lihue, among the 19 Confirmandi ages 15-16 years old receiving confirmation from Bishop Larry Silva, our parish welcomed four to our parish family. Pictured from left are **Macy Melchor, Father Arlan Intal-MS, Candice Muaa, Bishop Larry Silva, Anjelique Calzado** and **Alyssa Kaneshiro.** *(Reported by Lillian Vierra)*

KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

One of the goals of our **Parish Pastoral Plan** was to have an **annual parish picnic**. We had one many, many years ago, so this year's event is our first "revived" annual picnic. It is our goal to bring our parishioners together to enjoy one another's company, celebrating with good food, games and lots of fun-filled activities. Our picnic was held Aug. 5 on our parish school grounds, before this article went to print. So this is what was planned. Our menu included a steak-fry, grilled marinated chicken, hot dogs, and potluck side dishes. A **Summer Dessert Contest** had first, second and third cash prizes, plus a gift certificate for "most delicious" ... which means we had to eat the entries to judge them! A watermelon eating contest was also on the agenda, along with Savage Bingo, Bean Bag Clown Toss, Pin the Collar on Father Boyet, along with relay games, such as a coffee bag race, kid's tug of war, water cup race, get a slipper relay, water balloon volleyball and water balloon toss. Also planned was a friendly Battle of the Choirs with a perpetual trophy prize. This picnic was a great way to transition our keiki from summer vacation to school mode, as St. Theresa School opened Aug. 1 and our public schools started on Aug. 7. Our thanks to our planning committee and to everyone who attended. See you next year! … On a sad, yet happy note, we extend our loving condolences to the **Capuchin Friars** on the passing of our beloved friend **Capuchin Franciscan Father Bob Udulutsch** who passed away on July 23 in Wisconsin. May eternal rest be granted to him, O Lord. *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)*

KULIOUOU

Holy Trinity Parish

The parish is offering **At Home with the Word**, a guide to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing the readings for this liturgical year, insights from Scripture scholars and action steps. Those who would like a copy of the 2019 book are asked to fill out an order form printed in the bulletin and submit it with an $8 payment. *(From the parish bulletin)*

18 WAIPAHU

St. Joseph Parish

On Friday evening, July 27, **Father Eric Castro** led the **Holy Hour for Vocations**, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by silent adoration, the holy rosary and concluding with benediction. This Holy Hour for Vocations is held every last Friday of the month 6-7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are **Dave Sebastian, La Salette Father Eric Castro** and **Grace Galapon.** *(Reported by Mary Cachuela)*

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MACKEY MARIANIST LECTURE

Head of Catholic Charities USA to speak here on plight of migrants

Dominican Sister Donna Markham, the chief executive officer of Catholic Charities USA, will speak on the plight of today's refugees and migrants at the Mackey Marianist Lecture, 4 p.m., Sept. 30 at the Mystical Rose Oratory on the Kaimuki campus of Chaminade University and Saint Louis School.

Dominican Sister Donna Markham

Pope Francis has called on people of faith and good will to "share the journey" with the more than 60 million vulnerable sisters and brothers fleeing war, poverty, gangs and domestic violence. While Jesus says we will be judged by how we welcome the stranger, many governments are turning their backs to them.

Sister Donna will draw on her background as a psychologist, a religious and as the head of Catholic Charities to speak on the intensity of the migrant crisis, efforts being made to alleviate the problem, and ways local individuals and groups can help.

Catholic Charities is working in concert with Caritas International to address the crisis caused by millions around the world experiencing massive displacement.

Across the U.S., Catholic Charities serves 10 million people annually. Their 70,000 employees are on the front lines of the church's social service efforts.

Sister Donna is the first woman to hold the position of president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA in its 100-year history.

An Adrian Dominican sister with a doctorate in clinical psychology, she served on the Catholic Charities board of trustees for eight years, two as chairwoman. She has also served in leadership positions in behavioral healthcare in the United States and Canada and is an internationally-recognized author and speaker in areas pertaining to transformational leadership, organizational change management and treatment of the mentally ill.

Sister Donna received her doctorate from the University of Detroit. Before her position at Catholic Charities, she was president of the Behavioral Health Institute at Mercy Health System where she led the transformation of the delivery of behavioral health services across seven geographic regions.

She also served on the faculties of St. John's Provincial Seminary in Michigan and the Kellogg School for Nonprofit Management at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Sister Donna is a fellow in the American Academy of Clinical Psychologists. In addition to executive management and clinical work, she is engaged in global peace initiatives directed toward building bridges of understanding and collaboration across conflict zones.

She is also a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in the areas of migration, domestic policy and racism.

The lecture is free and no registration is required. For further information, go to www.marianisthawaii.wordpress.com and click on "Mackey." You can also contact Marianist Brother Dennis Schmitz at baldschmitz@aol.com or 232-6691.

Hawaii Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to celebrate 80 years in Islands with Mass

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet will commemorate the 80th anniversary of their arrival in the islands with a 10:30 a.m. Mass, Aug. 25, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

In 1938, nine Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet came from the Mainland to Honolulu to teach in Hawaii's fast growing Catholic school system. It was the beginning of an eight-decades-long mission of service across the islands in schools, parishes, diocesan offices, state agencies, non-profit organizations and ministries serving the youth, elderly and the poor.

Over the past 80 years, 52 Hawaii women joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, some who have worked in such far-off places as Chile, Peru, Japan and Kenya.

Today, 21 sisters continue to serve Hawaii in schools, parishes, in prayer ministry as well as with interfaith and ecumenical groups.

(The next issue of the Hawaii Catholic Herald will examine the contributions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to Hawaii.)

Benefit concert to raise money for school halau to perform at Disneyland

St. John Vianney School's hula halau is hosting a concert of top island entertainment next month to raise money to go to Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., to perform at the Fantasyland Theater.

Halau 'Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa, a keiki hula halau comprised of 30 students from the Catholic school in Kaelepulu (Enchanted Lake), Kailua, is scheduled to perform at Disneyland on Oct. 10.

The fundraiser, 3-7 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Republik nightclub at 1349 Kapiolani Blvd., will feature the halau as well as Na Hoku Hanohano winner Ken Makuakane, and musical groups Kamahoi, Hawaiian Soul and multi-Hoku recipient Kapena.

Photo courtesy of Halau 'Ka Pa Hula O Ka lei Hulu Hiwa
St. John Vianney School's Halau 'Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa performs at the Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference last October.

The theme of the fundraiser is "Na Keiki Aloha" — "The Beloved Children."

Tickets for adults are $25 pre-sale and $30 at the door; for children 5-10, $10 pre-sale and $15 at the door.

The event will also serve pupus, and feature a raffle and silent auction with lots of products from local merchants.

Death penalty 'inadmissible'

Pope Francis revises the church catechism to say capital punishment is an attack on the dignity of a person

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Building on the development of Catholic Church teaching against capital punishment, Pope Francis has ordered a revision of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to assert "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person" and to commit the church to working toward its abolition worldwide.

The catechism's paragraph on capital punishment, 2267, already had been updated by St. John Paul II in 1997 to strengthen its skepticism about the need to use the death penalty in the modern world and, particularly, to affirm the importance of protecting all human life.

Announcing the change Aug. 2, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said, "The new text, following in the footsteps of the teaching of John Paul II in 'Evangelium Vitae,' affirms that ending the life of a criminal as punishment for a crime is inadmissible because it attacks the dignity of the person, a dignity that is not lost even after having committed the most serious crimes."

"Evangelium Vitae" ("The Gospel of Life") was St. John Paul's 1995 encyclical on the dignity and sacredness of all human life. The encyclical led to an updating of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which he originally promulgated in 1992 and which recognized "the right and duty of legitimate public authority to punish malefactors by means of penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty."

At the same time, the original version of the catechism still urged the use of "bloodless means" when possible to punish criminals and protect citizens.

The catechism now will read: "Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

CNS photo/Ciro Fusco, EPA

Pope Francis prays in the crypt of the Basilica of St. Nicholas during a meeting with the heads of Christian churches in the Middle East in Bari, Italy, July 7. The pope has ordered a revision to the catechism to state that the death penalty is inadmissible and he committed the church to its abolition.

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>
> —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

"Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption," the new section continues.

Pope Francis' change to the text concludes: "Consequently, the church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,' and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

In his statement, Cardinal Ladaria noted how St. John Paul, retired Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis had all spoken out against capital punishment and appealed for clemency for death-row inmates on many occasions.

The development of church doctrine away from seeing the death penalty as a possibly legitimate punishment for the most serious crimes, the cardinal said, "centers principally on the clearer awareness of the church for the respect due to every human life. Along this line, John Paul II affirmed: 'Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this.'"

Pope Francis specifically requested the change to the catechism in October during a speech at the Vatican commemorating the 25th anniversary of the text's promulgation.

Contrary to the Gospel

The death penalty, no matter how it is carried out, he had said, "is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel, because a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Creator and of whom, in the last analysis, only God can be the true judge and guarantor."

Cardinal Ladaria also noted that the popes were not the only Catholics to become increasingly aware of how the modern use of the death penalty conflicted with church teaching on the dignity of human life; the same position, he said, has been "expressed ever more widely in the teaching of pastors and in the sensibility of the people of God."

In particular, he said, Catholic opposition to the death penalty is based on an "understanding that the dignity of a person is not lost even after committing the most serious crimes," a deeper understanding that criminal penalties should aim at the rehabilitation of the criminal and a recognition that governments have the ability to detain criminals effectively, thereby protecting their citizens.

The cardinal's note also cited a letter Pope Francis wrote in 2015 to the International Commission Against the Death Penalty. In the letter, the pope called capital punishment "cruel, inhumane and degrading" and said it "does not bring justice to the victims, but only foments revenge."

Furthermore, in a modern "state of law, the death penalty represents a failure" because it obliges the state to kill in the name of justice, the pope had written. On the other hand, he said, it is a method frequently used by "totalitarian regimes and fanatical groups" to do away with "political dissidents, minorities" and any other person deemed a threat to their power and to their goals.

In addition, Pope Francis noted that "human justice is imperfect" and said the death penalty loses all legitimacy in penal systems where judicial error is possible.

"The new formulation of number 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church," Cardinal Ladaria said, "desires to give energy to a movement toward a decisive commitment to favor a mentality that recognizes the dignity of every human life and, in respectful dialogue with civil authorities, to encourage the creation of conditions that allow for the elimination of the death penalty where it is still in effect."

Catholic capital punishment opponents praise pope's revision

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Aug. 2 announcement that Pope Francis had ordered a revision of the Catechism of the Catholic Church calling the death penalty "inadmissible" was praised by Catholic death penalty opponents in the U.S.

"I am overjoyed and deeply grateful to learn that Pope Francis closed the last remaining loophole in Catholic social teaching on the death penalty," said Sister Helen Prejean, a Sister of St. Joseph of Medaille, who is a longtime opponent of capital punishment.

Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, executive director of Catholic Mobilizing Network in Washington, an advocacy group seeking to end the death penalty, called the news "a capstone teaching moment for the Catholic Church."

Both advocates, in separate statements, stressed the clarity of the pope's announcement. Sister Prejean said the Catholic Church "has opposed capital punishment for many years, but the official language used to talk about the issue up to this point has always been equivocal" leaving room for some to say that "executions are morally permissible."

The catechism's "new language is very clear," Sister Prejean said, with its description of the death penalty as "an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person." There are "absolutely no exceptions," she added.

Vaillancourt Murphy said Catholic bishops in every state that have the death penalty have taken stands to see an end to this practice. She said the revision to the catechism "further clarifies any remaining ambiguity about the church's teaching against the death penalty and strengthens the global resolve to bring an end to this practice."

> *There is "nothing dignified about rendering a person defenseless, strapping them down to a gurney and killing them."*
>
> —*Sister Helen Prejean*

Both leaders pointed out that Pope Francis' action builds on work begun by St. John Paul II, who spoke of the dignity of guilty and innocent life and described executions as cruel and unnecessary.

"The moral ground zero of this issue in the Catholic context has been the question of self defense and the inviolable dignity of every human being," said Sister Prejean, who pointed out that there is "nothing dignified about rendering a person defenseless, strapping them down to a gurney and killing them."

"The moral tectonic plates have shifted," she added, saying the "very nature of the act of executing a person can no longer be justified."

But as thrilled as she was by the pope's announcement, the author of "Dead Man Walking" — about her experience helping death-row inmates — also said the revision is "still just words on a page. Words must be followed by action. It's time to abolish state-sponsored killing forever."

Vaillancourt Murphy similarly stressed the reality of the death penalty in the United States, saying 31 states "still have it on the books."

She also said more than 2,800 people are currently on death row in the United States and 14 executions are scheduled for the remainder of 2018, including three in August.

"These upcoming executions are a stark reminder that the death penalty is active in the United States, and it violates our commitment to the dignity of all life," she said. "The death penalty is a failed practice that perpetuates the cycle of violence and disproportionately targets marginalized populations, especially people of color, those living in poverty and people suffering with mental illness."

Hannah Cox, national manager of Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty, also issued a statement in support of the pope's revision.

"(It) reflects what we are seeing in our work with conservative Catholics who increasingly understand the death penalty is a failed and unnecessary policy that does not value life and does nothing to make our society safer," she said.

Cardinal Tagle laments deaths of innocent people in Philippines

By Catholic News Service

MANILA, Philippines — A teary-eyed Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila lamented the deaths of innocent people killed since Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte assumed office.

Addressing 8,000 participants July 22 during the last day of the Fifth Philippine Conference on New Evangelization, Cardinal Tagle asked if people were happy with the deaths around them, ucanews.com reported.

In a prayer, the cardinal spoke to God about many innocent people dying.

"We want to believe that you do not rejoice in their death. But there are so many of them," he said.

Ucanews.com reported the cardinal's questions and plea came a day before the Philippine Catholic bishops issued a statement condemning the killings across the country.

Police have reported more than 23,000 killings over the past two years, which human rights groups said were likely linked to the government's crackdown on narcotics.

The cardinal also included in his prayer a 36-year-old migrant worker who was killed in Slovakia for defending two women from being attacked.

"Where do we see your face? Where do we hear your word? Some people are asking, where are you?" he asked.

Cardinal Tagle urged conference participants to become "bread" for others amid the hunger in the world.

"Let us be bread, broken, shared for others so that we are all moved with compassion and can feed others," he said in his parting message at the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

"All that we have, all that we are, if taken, blessed and shared can become the bread of life for all," Cardinal Tagle said.

Meanwhile, Catholic Church leaders and activist groups in the Philippines have condemned Rodrigo Duterte's record as president at the start of his third year in office. His human rights record in particular received most attention.

As if to spite his critics, Duterte, said in his July 23 State of the Nation address that his concern was not human rights but the lives of people.

"Your concern is human rights, mine is human lives," the president told critics of his war against narcotics.

"The lives of our youth are being wasted and families destroyed, and all because of chemicals called shabu, cocaine, cannabis and heroin," Duterte said in a 48-minute address.

The comments did not sit well with Bishop Pablo Virgilio David of Kalookan whose diocese in the northern part of the capital has witnessed seemingly endless killings.

"Such a statement implies that the victims of drug-related killings are not human," Bishop David wrote on social media hours after the president delivered his speech.

"Is not the right to life the most basic human right?" asked the bishop, who is vice president of the Philippines bishops' conference.

He wrote that the Catholic Church "can never agree" with the president's view and called Duterte's statement "illogical."

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Church urged to address its leaders' 'moral failures of judgment'

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick "will rightly face" a Vatican canonical process regarding sexual abuse allegations against him, but the U.S. Catholic Church must take steps to respond to church leaders' "moral failures of judgment," said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The accusations against Archbishop McCarrick, a former cardinal and retired archbishop of Washington, "reveal a grievous moral failure within the church," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston.

"They cause bishops anger, sadness, and shame; I know they do in me," he said in an Aug. 1 statement. "They compel bishops to ask, as I do, what more could have been done to protect the people of God. Both the abuses themselves, and the fact that they have remained undisclosed for decades, have caused great harm to people's lives and represent grave moral failures of judgment on the part of church leaders."

To determine a course of action for the USCCB to take, Cardinal DiNardo said he convened the bishops' Executive Committee.

"This meeting was the first of many among bishops that will extend into our Administrative Committee meeting in September and our general assembly in November," he explained. "All of these discussions will be oriented toward discerning the right course of action for the USCCB."

Such work will "take some time," but he laid out four points to be acted upon immediately:

— He encouraged each bishop in their diocese "to respond with compassion and justice to anyone who has been sexually abused or harassed by anyone in the church. We should do whatever we can to accompany them."

— He urged anyone who has experienced sexual assault or harassment by anyone in the church to come forward. "Where the incident may rise to the level of a crime, please also contact local law enforcement."

— The USCCB "will pursue the many questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick's conduct to the full extent of its authority; and where that authority finds its limits, the conference will advocate with those who do have the authority. One way or the other, we are determined to find the truth in this matter."

— "Finally, we bishops recognize that a spiritual conversion is needed as we seek to restore the right relationship among us and with the Lord. Our church is suffering from a crisis of sexual morality. The way forward must involve learning from past sins."

Cardinal DiNardo said the failures of judgment by church leaders in the case of Archbishop McCarrick "raise serious questions."

"Why weren't these allegations of sins against chastity and human dignity disclosed when they were first brought to church officials?" he asked. "Why wasn't this egregious situation addressed decades sooner and with justice? What must our seminaries do to protect the freedom to discern a priestly vocation without being subject to misuse of power?"

In conclusion, he asked all to "pray for God's wisdom and strength for renewal as we follow St. Paul's instruction: 'Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.'"

On July 28, Pope Francis accepted the resignation from the College of Cardinals of then-Cardinal McCarrick and ordered him to maintain "a life of prayer and penance" until a canonical trial examines accusations that he sexually abused minors.

In late June, the 88-year-old prelate said he would no longer exercise any public ministry "in obedience" to the Vatican after an allegation he abused a teenager 47 years ago in the Archdiocese of New York was found credible. The cardinal has said he is innocent.

In the weeks that followed the announcement, another man came forward claiming he was abused as a child by Archbishop McCarrick, and several former seminarians have spoken out about being sexually harassed by the former cardinal at a beach house he had.

In other developments, two New Jersey dioceses where he served in the 1980s and 1990s said settlements had been reached in 2005 and 2007 in cases of abuse claims against him that dated to his years of service in those dioceses. He was the founding bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, in 1981, then headed the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, before being named to Washington in 2001. He retired in 2006.

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Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is seen June 13 at the opening of the bishops' annual spring assembly in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Names of past Harrisburg bishops will be removed from buildings

By Catholic News Service

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Harrisburg Bishop Ronald W. Gainer Aug. 1 released information from the diocese's own internal investigation on child sex abuse, including a list of the names of 71 clergy, both dead and alive, accused of abuse.

He also ordered removal from buildings, halls and rooms the names of former diocesan bishops going back to 1947.

The name ban extends to anyone who appears on the diocese's list and has been accused of sexual misconduct, and also to any position of honor in the diocese given those named.

"It is my most unwelcome, yet necessary, duty to visit a sorry chapter of the Diocese of Harrisburg's history, the one concerning the sexual abuse of minors," Bishop Gainer said in an open letter.

"As has been the subject of much public discussion," he continued, "the diocese has unfortunately at times been the home of men originally called to the service of God who, for reasons unknown and unfathomable, instead ignored that summons and turned to the pursuit of heinous personal ends."

"That conduct has left a legacy of pain and sorrow that is still being felt," Bishop Gainer said. "On behalf of the Diocese of Harrisburg, I apologize for these actions."

While these harms of the past "cannot be undone," he said, "it is my hope that today I can do my part as the present chief shepherd of the diocese to salve some of these historic wounds with the healing touch of transparency."

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Kansan returns to Australia saint's tomb in thanks for Parkinson's cure

By Catherine Sheehan
Catholic News Service

SYDNEY — Exactly 10 years to the day — July 18, 2018 — Ricky Peterson of Kansas City, Kansas, knelt once more at the tomb of St. Mary MacKillop in suburban North Sydney, Australia, this time with a prayer of thanksgiving for the seemingly miraculous event that had changed his life a decade earlier.

Peterson, 57, first knelt at the tomb as a pilgrim during World Youth Day in 2008 and offered a prayer he will never forget: that through the intercession of Australia's first saint, God would heal him of the Parkinson's disease he had endured for nine long years.

"I said, 'Mary, I'm asking you to pray with me again tonight. Lord, I would love nothing more than to leave this Parkinson's and tremor buried beside Mary, if it's your will. I'm going to go out and praise your name,'" Peterson recalled.

It was only 10 minutes later when the father of five was on the train, traveling with his youngest daughter back to their host family that he first noticed that the tremor in his right arm had disappeared.

"I kept checking every 30 seconds and I was like, 'It's still gone, it's still gone,'" he said.

Despite his amazement and certainty that he'd been healed, he didn't say a word to anyone.

It was during the final Mass at Randwick Racecourse, celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI, that while holding hands with her father, Jessica noticed the tremor was gone.

"She looked at me and said, 'Your hand didn't shake at all.' I said, 'Yeah, it hasn't since Friday night.' We both started crying."

Peterson's wife Maura said when he phoned from Australia to tell her the news, she was filled with gratitude and "pure joy."

The couple spoke to The Catholic Weekly, newspaper of the Sydney Archdiocese, at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on their return visit of gratitude. It was Maura's first visit to Australia.

"It was thanksgiving for a new future that we had given up on," she said. "A month before, we had been talking about whether I should quit my job to care for him and whether we could afford financially to do that. So we had the future we had dreamed of back. So it was thanksgiving and just pure joy."

Peterson said the Sisters of St Joseph, the saint's order, documented what had happened to him and told him that if the second miracle being investigated for the canonization was not approved, then his case was one of two they would "start moving forward." It proved unnecessary, however, as the second miracle — the healing from lung and brain cancer of Australian Kathleen Evans — eventually was approved.

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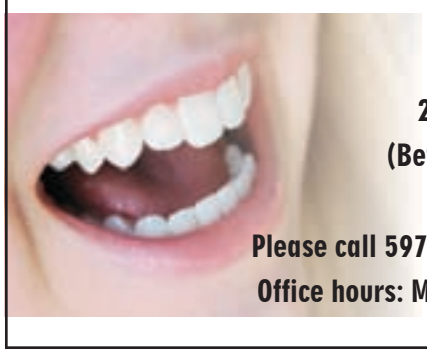
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Catechesis

Msgr. Owen F. Campion
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'I am the living bread'

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

The First Book of Kings provides this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first biblical reading.

Unified Israel's kings are the central figures in these books, although the prophets, such as Elijah, receive more prominent mention. This weekend's reading refers to Elijah, who wrote during the first half of the ninth century BC.

In the reading, Elijah spoke in the first person. He is weary and discouraged. He even asks God to take his life! Then, he fell asleep. When he awoke, a hearth cake and a jug of water were at his side. He ate and drank. An angel came, indicating that this restoring sustenance was from God. The angel ordered Elijah to continue his journey. Elijah obeyed.

The second reading this weekend is from the Epistle to the Ephesians. Surrounding the composition of all the epistles was the fact that living the Gospel was not easy in the first century. As the theologians later would describe it, the first Christians faced temptations from "the world, the flesh and the devil" at every side.

Christians in Ephesus underwent a special challenge. They lived in a thriving seaport and commercial center amid many vices and distraction, but Ephesus also was a major pagan shrine. Pilgrims to its great temple to Diana, the Roman goddess, flocked to the city.

This reading is very practical, calling upon Christian Ephesians to rid themselves of all bitterness and anger, and to rise above gossip and malice. Then, rid of sin, it calls upon them to be compassionate and forgiving, noting that God had forgiven them.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. Jesus declares, "I am the bread that comes down from heaven." The audience does not accept this phrase well. They actually spurn Jesus. After all, they know Jesus as a neighbor and as a relative. It was difficult to see the Redeemer in someone so familiar.

The Lord then enters upon a discourse, one of the most magnificent passages in the New Testament. He recalls God's gift of manna to the Hebrews in the desert during the Exodus. Without the manna, they would starved to death.

Without nourishment, living beings perish. Again, God provides sustenance to prevent death. It is Jesus, the "living bread," the "flesh" of the Lord, the Body and Blood of Christ, freely given for the life of all humankind.

Whoever eats this "bread" will live eternally.

Reflection

Everyone can identify with Elijah, the prophet featured in the reading from First Kings. Whatever the circumstances, life for any of us can be demanding and even distressing. Anyone can be reduced to desperation, as was Elijah. So, in the face of the quite human and universal reality of meeting difficulties in life, the Church speaks this weekend with great consolation and reassurance.

First, it recalls for us, through the first reading, that God sustains us and strengthens us. He sustained and strengthened Elijah, who was no dearer to God than are we.

Secondly, God gives us Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus is in our midst. He shares human nature with us. Born of Mary, a human, Jesus is as human as we.

Jesus is the "bread of life". Aptly this reading is associated with the Eucharist. The food mercifully given by God is more than material food, although it appears as bread and wine. It is the Body and Blood of the Lord. It enlivens our souls.

The last element in this weekend's lesson comes again from Elijah. Life continues — often with hardships. As disciples, seeking eternal life, we must continue our long walk to the mountaintop of God. We will be walking uphill, often on a steep incline. God nourishes and supports us. He awaits us with everlasting peace.

Father Kenneth Doyle
QUESTION CORNER

Did Jesus die at 33?

Q Our parish council the other night got into a discussion of several questions, one of which was this: Was Jesus actually 33 years old when he died, and how do we know? Can you help us? (West Pawlet, Vermont)

A Although we do not know with certainty at what age Jesus died, it is generally believed that he was 33. The Gospel of Luke says, "When Jesus began his ministry he was about 30 years of age" (3:23). And John's Gospel notes that there were three annual feasts of the Passover during the course of Christ's public life — one in Chapter 2:13 (the cleansing of the Temple), another in 6:4 (the multiplication of the loaves) and a final one in 11:55-57 at the time of the crucifixion.

Putting those references together, one is led to the conclusion that Jesus was probably 33 at the time of his death. The actual age, though, does not matter theologically, as no doctrinal truths are built upon it.

Should we go to civil wedding ceremony?

Q My son is scheduled to be a groomsman for one of his best friends, who has been living with his girlfriend for several years. It is to be a civil ceremony held in a hotel. I told my son that I would not be able to go since I am a Catholic and my attendance would look like approval. Naturally, my son was annoyed. Am I doing the right thing? (County Westmeath, Ireland)

A As regards your son's friend and his bride-to-be, I am assuming that at least one of them is a Catholic. If not, of course, there is no problem with your attending their wedding. Non-Catholics, it stands to reason, have no obligation to marry with the Catholic Church's approval. But if at least one of them is a Catholic, then some other considerations enter in.

Presumptively, their civil ceremony would not be a valid marriage in the eyes of the church — since they are not being married by a Catholic priest or deacon or, in the alternative, with the required dispensation from the church. But — perhaps surprisingly — canon law has no explicit prohibition against Catholics attending an invalid wedding. That decision is left to the prudent judgment of a Catholic, after prayerfully considering several factors.

Maintaining peaceful relationships within a family is important. Also, it is certainly better for the couple in question to solidify their commitment with a civil ceremony than simply to continue living together — and this might even be the first step in their full return to fidelity to Catholic practice.

On the other hand, one must not give the impression that the canonical norms of marriage do not matter, so you wouldn't want your presence at the wedding to be seen as a stamp of approval by the Catholic Church.

Weighing these several values, here is a course of action that I might suggest. Why not explain to your son that, after thinking and praying about it, you have decided to attend the ceremony out of loyalty both to him and to his friend? But tell him that you do have some reservations about doing so because of your strong belief that they should be married in a Catholic ceremony.

Then, ask your son if he would feel comfortable passing on your feelings to his friend. The ideal outcome would be that the friend, upon reflection, would be reminded of his religious responsibilities and decide to have the marriage blessed by the church.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.

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Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, embraces a woman during a march for immigration rights July 20 in El Paso. The march, meant to shed light on migrant rights and unification of families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border, concluded with an interfaith service and vigil at St. Patrick's Cathedral. (See "Talk story" on page 7)

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Father Ron Rolheiser

A slur that cuts deep

"He's a loser!" "You're a loser!" Among all the hurtful slurs we mindlessly utter, this particular one is perhaps the most hurtful and damaging. It needs to be forbidden in our public discourse and stricken from our vocabulary.

We've come a long way today in forbidding certain language in our public discourse. Mostly the terms that we outlaw have to do with pejorative phrases that refer to someone's race, gender or disability. Categorially forbidding them in our language was long overdue and may not be dismissed as simple political correctness. It's a matter of correctness, plain and simple, of justice, of charity, of fundamental human decency. Language is an economy that's also often unjust. It unfairly affirms some and unduly slanders others. We need to be careful with it. Language can deeply scar others, even as it keeps us unconsciously locked inside negative stereotypes that leave our minds and our hearts colored by racism, bigotry and misogyny.

But racial, gender and disability slurs are not the only slurs that cut, wound and scar others. Terrible as they are, those insulted by them have the consolation of knowing that the insult is aimed at millions (or, in the case of gender, billions) of others. There's consolation in numbers! Being shamed along with millions or billions of others still hurts, but you're in good company.

There are slurs however, insults, that are more brutally singular and more cruelly personal, which aim to shame one's particularly private inadequacies. With such a slur you're no longer in good company, you're now unanimity-minus-one. The term "loser" is such a slur. It aims to shame a person in a very singular, hurtful way. When you're called a "loser," you're not being singled out and shamed because you belong to a certain set, a race, a gender or a class of people. You're being shamed because you — you alone, singularly, personally — are judged as not measuring up, as not worthy of respect, and as not worthy of full acceptance. You're judged as inferior with an inferiority that cannot be blamed on anyone except yourself. You're deemed a loser! And you're alone in that!

This kind of shaming isn't new. It has ever been thus. Certain people have always been shunned, shamed and ostracized. We have this curious human flaw that, unless it's addressed, has us believe that for us to be happy it isn't enough that we be accepted, someone else has to be excluded.

In biblical times, people who had leprosy were ostracized from society, condemned to live in regions outside of normal life, and cry out "unclean" whenever anyone approached them. But those in biblical times had legitimate reasons for putting these persons outside the circle of normal life. Leprosy held the danger of contagion. Today, without any kind of legitimacy, we're still designating certain people as unfit to flourish inside the circles of normal life. We classify them as "losers" and condemn them to the fringes.

Examples of this abound, but perhaps we see this most simplistically played out in our high schools where there is always a crowd that's popular, an "in" crowd who dictates the ethos, decides what's acceptable, and holds down the center of the community, even as they don't constitute its majority. The majority of students are outside that more-exclusive inner circle of popularity, on the edges of it, trying for full acceptance, not fully "in" and not fully "out." But there's always still another set, the ones seen as "losers," as not measuring up, as not being worthy of full status and recognition. This group is not given permission to fully belong. Every human circle has that category of persons.

There are a myriad of complex reasons, many to do with mental health, which can help explain why, sometimes, tragically, a high school boy will take up a gun, come into his school, and shoot his classmates. But it's hard not to notice that, almost always, it's a young man who has been deemed a "loner," a loser. We can't blame his immediate peers and his classmates for deeming him such, however consciously or unconsciously this is done. His classmates are victims, not just of this young man's illness and rage, but also of a society that blindly helps produce this kind of illness and rage.

I'm not a parent, but if I were, I would try with all the moral powers that I possessed as a parent to have my children purge their vocabulary of racial, gender, and disability slurs. But I would, too, use every moral and persuasive power I had to have them purge their vocabulary of pejorative words that shame someone else in his or her singularity. The word "loser" would be forbidden in the house.

Both society and the church are houses. We have, thank goodness, in recent decades forbidden the use of words that disparage another person on the basis of his or her race, gender or disability. It's time we forbid some other slurs inside the house!

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Christina Capecchi
TWENTY SOMETHING

Flowers for Mary

Janet Easter is experiencing Braxton Hicks contractions as she arranges a bouquet in her backyard, and she is unfazed.

"I'm having contractions, which is hilarious," she says, stripping the leaves off a hydrangea in one swift stroke.

It's 80 degrees on a Friday afternoon in a Pittsburgh suburb, and Janet is glowing, her 36-week belly draped in a chambray shirt, her honey-colored hair braided across her head like Heidi.

"I don't really know how this is going to look yet," she says, tilting her head. "I'm going to make it up as I go."

Making it up as she goes is a crucial skill for a perfectionist who will soon be tending to three kids under 3. It's a far cry from her days as style editor of Verily magazine, when Janet coordinated slick New York City photo shoots and relished in her autonomy.

Gardening has helped the 31-year-old stay-at-home mom embrace the journey. "I believe all growth comes through some pain and sacrifice, and planting a garden teaches you this in a very physical, tactile, human way."

Janet's personal growth is evidenced by her ability to laugh at the inevitable missteps of a novice gardener. "I tried my hand at sweet peas this year," she says, pointing to a single bloom. "It was not successful. That's OK. The dahlias are as big as my head!"

The 1-year-old toddles around wearing only a diaper as Janet arranges her bouquet at a workbench by the back door. She tucks mint in around a dahlia and inserts lime-green amaranth on opposite ends.

Next up is a cream-colored cosmos with an arched stem. "I actually love flowers that are kind of kooky and droopy," she says. "I'm going to put it on the side to hang out."

The finished product looks like the handiwork of a skilled florist, a soft blend of greens and creams at varied heights. Janet sets the bouquet on an antique mantel, pausing to lament the descending ants and then grabbing some water to offset her contractions.

She settles into the swing on her front porch, rocking and reflecting. Her longtime love of flowers recently took on a new enthusiasm when she discovered the Marian theology behind flowers, staying up late one night to devour the University of Dayton's International Marian Research Institute website, her heart racing.

Medieval Christendom knew flowers by their Marian meaning, standing for her spirituality, divine graces, mysteries of the rosary and life with the holy family. Baby's breath represented Our Lady's veil; a dandelion, Mary's bitter sorrows; peonies, Pentecost.

But these symbols were largely forgotten once the printing press brought the proper classification of plants to the masses — save for a few remaining names, such as marigold, Mary's gold.

"Of course there is this connection!" Janet says now. "As Catholics, we hold a sacramental view of the world."

She has since memorized the Marian meaning of each flower in her yard, and she's quick to look up additional flowers that enter her home.

She has written about this passion on her new website, EverEaster.com, and launched a popular Instagram hashtag #everflowerfriday to encourage other Catholic women to "listen to the sermon preached to you by the flowers," in the words of St. Paul of the Cross.

For as far as she has come — as a gardener, a mother, a believer — Janet feels she is at the beginning. That thought makes her smile as she swings on her porch, framed by the backlit leaves of a climbing rose bush.

"What's exciting to me is that learning about faith is endless," she says. "I think I'm on the brink of something big — a lifetime of delight and discovery."

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

Father Norlito Concepcion, Augustinians

VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

Whatever God wills

Interviewed by Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
Hawaii Catholic Herald

My Augustinian confreres of the past are a great source of inspiration to me. In particular, it was the famous navigator and cosmographer Fray Andrés de Urdaneta who discovered the trade route from the west to the east across the Pacific. This made possible the colonization of the Philippines by Spain and the bringing of the Catholic faith to the country.

I volunteered for the missions right after my ordination. Six months later, I was sent to Costa Rica; and then to El Salvador. From Guatemala all the way down to Panama in Central America, Spanish is spoken. So, adapting to the language was no problem for me.

We have a project in the Philippines called Tornaviaje. It is named after the return route to Spain that was discovered by Fray Urdaneta. Many explorers before him sought a way across the seas to the Philippines, but all failed. Because of his success, and mission work, Augustinians feel that we also need to go out into the world to give back to the world. We need to go out and walk with those that do not know of God. We need to be witnesses of the Gospel and Christianize them.

St. Augustine, our founder, said "Love, and do what thou wilt." What he meant by that was that we first need to love God, and then to submit to whatever work God wills. St. Augustine's openness to serve is my first inspiration. After his conversion to the faith, and the loss of his mother and all the people he loved, he undertook an ascetic lifestyle. Hearing a sermon on the need for priests in Hippo, he became a priest. When he was asked to become bishop, he told his followers that as much as possible, all needed to practice charity to the church. If the church needs you, you need to respond.

Heeding his words, his brothers in the ascetic community who were not ordained as priests, became ordained in order to respond to the needs of the church. Knowing that, if any were to be asked to become bishop, they needed also to accept that for the benefit and service of the church.

Coming to Hawaii a couple of years ago, I spent time serving on Kauai, at St. John Church in Mililani, at St. George Church in Waimanalo, and at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Now, I have been assigned to hospital ministry with outreach as the chaplain for Straub Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente.

It is harder to perform the ministry of chaplaincy in the Philippines than here in Hawaii, as there are more people who are sick there. But my work has been marked by ministry to the poorest of the poor, as the first Augustinian missionaries exampled. Even working in Tondo, one of the most dangerous places in Manila, became my joy, for wherever our apostolate is, there our brothers and sisters are.

Father Norlito Concepcion is an Augustinian priest from Intramuros, Manila. The oldest of three brothers, he is 11 years professed and five years ordained. He resides at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

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Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, listens during a Nov. 12 presentation in Baltimore on the centenary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Commentary

Renewed betrayal

This editorial appeared in the July 18 issue of Our Sunday Visitor, a weekly Catholic publication based in Huntington, Indiana. It was written by the editorial board.

As further revelations emerge in the case of Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick's alleged sexual abuse, not only of a minor but allegedly of numerous young seminarians and even priests subordinate to him, the church in the United States once again has been shaken to the core.

Not since the early dark days of the revelations of widespread clergy sexual abuse in the church have the people of God wrestled with such deep betrayal. And the revelations regarding Cardinal McCarrick will shed an uncomfortable but necessary light on an enabling culture.

Even the most loyal, ardent defenders of the church find themselves without words — speechless at how, 18 years after the crisis first reared its ugly head, the church has made such little progress in full disclosure and transparency. The sexual abuse of seminarians and priests by a member of the Catholic hierarchy is immoral and despicable.

In the wake of such revelations, we find that there was truth in some of the claims of the church's harshest critics in 2002 — those who insisted that the urgent reforms to keep young people safe didn't reach far enough to penetrate entrenched and toxic cultures of power, privilege, corruption, immorality and concealment. And we find ourselves once again wrestling with feelings of shame, helplessness and perhaps even a loss of faith.

But there is more. There is great frustration. There is anger. And there is the certain knowledge that the church's dark night still has not yet given way to the dawn. As we write, a grand jury report on six Pennsylvania dioceses is still pending, as is the criminal trial of Cardinal George Pell in Australia. And there is doubtless more reckoning to come regarding sexual abuse and impropriety in the church, from the distant past to the present day. So where do we go from here?

First, we need to express our gratitude for all of the faithful Catholics reading this who, despite these stormy waters, have not given up on the church and who remain dedicated to its mission and message. You are the best of the church, and your witness to the Gospel is imperative if we are to advance the church's mission of evangelization.

Second, we need to acknowledge that those who are struggling with anger or frustration have good reason for those feelings. There are no excuses to be made on the part of the church when it comes to clergy sexual abuse — whether by priests, bishops, or cardinals — and you should not feel compelled to offer any. The only way forward for the church is to acknowledge failure, and to call all of us, from the people in the pew through the upper ranks of the hierarchy, to repentance and conversion. We must continue to pray, and we must work for structural reforms to protect vulnerable adults in the church from those who would leverage their power for sexual gratification.

Finally, we must recognize that the damage that has been done to the church is real and it will have long-lasting consequences. No sin is unforgivable, and, thankfully, God is merciful to those who repent. But the people of God must come together and insist that the remainder of the rot exposed during the clergy sexual abuse crisis be rooted out of the church once and for all. Only then will we finally be able to leave the pain and suffering of the clergy abuse crisis in the past, while taking its lessons into the future. And only then will we be able to focus our efforts where they should have been all the time: on bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the world.

Letter to the Herald

Sharing the suffering of the Chilean church

Perhaps you find it inappropriate to report a most disturbing series of events occurring in our Church in Chile.

Truly, it is our church. We share the suffering of our Chilean sisters and brothers who we won't blame for casting a vote of no confidence in their bishops, their 34 shepherds who have offered resignations to our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Without an Episcopate, there is no church.

Our reluctance to speak to the clerical sexual abuses in Chile and attempts to conceal the activity which gives rise to the resignation of the entire Chilean Conference of Bishops makes us culpable in it.

There is plenty of coverage of this unprecedented mass resignation event in the secular press.

Thank you,

William D. Cesaletti,
Keaau

Letters are welcome. Letters should pertain to a story or issue in the Hawaii Catholic Herald, be courteous, and not exceed 250 words. Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number for verification. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Send them to Letters to the Herald, 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 or to herald@rcchawaii.org.

Diversions

Saints

Mary Helen MacKillop

1842 - 1909

August 8

Mother MacKillop is Australia's first native-born saint and its patron. The oldest of eight children of Scottish immigrants, Mary began working with children as a governess. With encouragement from a priest-adviser, Mary founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, the continent's first religious order, to open schools and orphanages for poor children in rural areas and to serve the aged and friendless by setting up women's shelters. She took the name Mary of the Cross, and survived episcopal opposition, disrespect and even excommunication. The order received papal approval in 1888, and her 2010 canonization in Rome drew thousands of pilgrims from Australia, where she is considered a national heroine.

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Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

Hi ho, hi ho, Heraldites! It's back to school we go! Since the academic year is upon us, I've scattered some school-related questions throughout this quiz.

1) Catholic trivia

A church can be a basilica, a cathedral and a shrine all at once. But do you know which of the three is the highest distinction? Hint: the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, Maryland, is all three (and also quite a mouthful).

a) A cathedral
b) A shrine
c) A basilica
d) None of the above

2) Hawaii parishes

What is the name of the only parish on Lanai?

a) Holy Redeemer
b) Sacred Hearts
c) St. Mary
d) St. Theresa

3) Schools

Deacon Chris Yakkel, who is in formation to be an Air Force chaplain, graduated from which Hawaii Catholic high school? (See story on page 10.)

a) Damien
b) St. Louis
c) Maryknoll
d) St. Francis

4) Catholic Hawaii

Multiple choices: Which two of these bishops are buried in the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace?

a) Bishop Louis Maigret
b) Bishop Herman Koeckemann
c) Bishop James J. Sweeney
d) Bishop John J. Scanlan

5) More schools

Which Waikiki Catholic school closed in 1980 due to low enrollment?

a) Sts. Peter and Paul
b) Our Lady of the Palms
c) St. Augustine
d) Sacred Heart

6) Statehood Day

Can you name the first governor of Hawaii after it was admitted as the 50th U.S. state? He also happened to be Catholic.

a) George Ariyoshi
b) Samuel Wilder King
c) John A. Burns
d) William F. Quinn

7) Schools, again

Which Windward Oahu parish used to have a high school?

a) St. Ann
b) St. Anthony
c) St. John Vianney
d) St. George

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

Movie review

Christopher Robin
(Disney)

Enchanting fantasy in which, having grown into a harried middle-aged efficiency expert (Ewan McGregor), the formerly free-spirited title character prioritizes work over family life, provoking a crisis in his relationship with his devoted wife (Hayley Atwell) and loving daughter (Bronte Carmichael). To his rescue comes his iconic childhood teddy bear, Winnie the Pooh (voice of Jim Cummings).

A return to Winnie's realm, the Hundred Acre Wood, ensues, as does a reunion with its other immortal inhabitants, most prominently Tigger (also voiced by Cummings), Eeyore (voice of Brad Garrett) and Piglet (voice of Nick Mohammed) all of whom, like Winnie himself, gently help the businessman to see the error of his materialist ways.

Director Marc Forster and screenwriters Alex Ross Perry, Tom McCarthy and Allison Schroeder make deft use of the figures created by A.A. Milne and E.H. Shepard in the 1920s, marshaling droll humor to convey the message that there are better goals to be pursued than merely getting ahead.

Though problematic elements are entirely absent, the film is too sophisticated for tots, who might also be disturbed by its scenes of mild peril. A mature story line, nonviolent action. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Scripture search®

PAT KASTEN

Gospel for August 12, 2018
John 6:41-51

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: how bread leads to eternal life. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THE JEWS	THE BREAD	COME DOWN
HEAVEN	JESUS	JOSEPH
MURMURING	COMES	UNLESS
DRAWS	RAISE	WRITTEN
PROPHETS	EXCEPT	FROM GOD
BELIEVES	ETERNAL	MANNA
THEY DIED	FOREVER	FLESH

WILL NOT DIE

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

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Catholic crossword

ACROSS

1 Our ___ of Fatima
5 He held up the sky
10 Arizona-Vatican connection
14 She, in Paris
15 The Diocese of Portland is here
16 Island converted in the 5th century
17 Frequent Mayberry jail occupant
18 Sleep disorder
19 Howl
20 Last Supper question
22 Universal
24 "Tantum ___"
27 Bring together again
28 Written guarantee
32 "Agnus ___"
33 Highest mountain in Crete
34 Emirate on the Persian Gulf
36 Belittle
40 Notre ___
42 Traditionally placed under the altar
44 Cupid
45 Condition of the tomb on Easter morning
47 Ransack
49 Cell "messenger"
50 One of two epistles (abbr.)
52 Divine time
54 Like jaywalking
58 Flat-fish
59 Appropriate
61 Biblical measure
65 Pay for a hand
66 Police symbol
69 Israeli round dance
70 Teen and new follower
71 "That is…"
72 Arabian VIP
73 Wax, at the drugstore
74 Vegas Casino
75 What the flesh is sometimes

DOWN

1 They say he met with Attila
2 Mtn. stats
3 552, to Nero
4 Day starter
5 Doctors' org.
6 Kind of dance
7 Hayes of "The Mod Squad"
8 Lend ___
9 "___ at the right hand of the Father"
10 She is referred to in the sixth station of the cross
11 Garlic-flavored mayonnaise
12 Distinguishing characteristic
13 9 AM prayer
21 The Garden of Eden might have been in this modern-day state
23 Colors
25 Growl
26 Frisky mammal
28 Describes the gate that leads to destruction (Mt 7:13)
29 He was an original
30 Incline
31 An Eli
35 Fissures
37 Commander of the army who was made king over Israel (1 Kings 16:16)
38 Baptismal basin
39 Some people wade into it
41 And so forth
43 Queen of the Nile, to her friends?
46 Indian exercise method
48 Perry's creator
51 Jewish religious leaders
53 Lot, to Abraham
54 Cousin of 53D
55 Pounce
56 Unit of capacity
57 South American ruminant
60 Biblical site
62 Nazareth, to Jesus
63 Opera highlight
64 What you should do when the herald angels sing
67 Seventh son of Jacob
68 Abstract being

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Answer to previous puzzle

B	I	B	L	E	■	F	I	D	O	■	P	A	L	M
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D	A	U	N	T	■	I	N	N	S	■	C	O	M	A
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■	E	E	R	I	E	■	■	■	A	R	M	■	■	■
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H	O	U	R	S	■	O	I	L	■	T	R	I	B	E
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