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Diocesan seminarians with Bishop Larry Silva and former vocations director Father Pascual Abaya at the June 7 diaconate ordination of Nick Brown, center. The seminarians are, from left, Emmanuelle del Castillo, Frankie Villanueva, Preston Castro, Dario Rinaldi, Ace Tui, Romple Emwalu, William Tulua, Anh Vu, Alfred Guerrero and E.J. Resinto. Missing is new seminarian Kevin Clark.

Seminarians on the rise

The diocese is seeing a welcome increase in the number of men studying for the priesthood

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz
Hawaii Catholic Herald

This fall marks the start of a new semester of studies for 12 seminarians of the Diocese of Honolulu. The dozen men now preparing for the diocesan priesthood comprise one of the largest seminarian groups in Hawaii's recent history.

The seminarians represent diverse ages and backgrounds. They are:

- Nick Brown, 48, of Honolulu
 - Preston-Jay Castro, 20, of Waipahu
 - Kevin Clark, 44, of Nanakuli
 - Emmanuelle Del Castillo, 22, of Maui
 - Romple Emwalu, 32, of Mililani
 - Alfred Guerrero, 25, of Honolulu
 - E.J. Resinto, 27, of Kauai
 - Dario Rinaldi, 21, of Maui
 - Ese'Ese "Ace" Tui, 29, of Ewa Beach
 - William "Pila" Tulua, 51, of Honolulu
 - Frank Villanueva, 34, of Wahiawa
 - Vincent Anh Vu, 25, of Honolulu
- Brown and Tulua are attending Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, an

institution for older vocations, in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. In June Brown was ordained a "transitional" deacon, the last major step before priestly ordination, which is expected to take place next summer. Tulua is on track to complete his graduate studies in 2017.

Emwalu, Guerrero, Resinto and Vu are enrolled at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California. Resinto is expected to be ordained a transitional deacon in 2015. Guerrero is doing a "pastoral year" of parish work at St. Michael Church in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island. Vu is in his second year of graduate studies at the school, and Emwalu is entering his first graduate semester.

Del Castillo, Rinaldi, Tui and Villanueva are continuing their undergraduate courses at Mount Angel College Seminary in Oregon. Joining them are Castro and Clark, the diocese's newest seminarians, who enrolled there in August.

Seminarians for the Diocese of Honolulu have steadily numbered 10 or more over the last four years. It is a welcome increase. The diocese has not seen a consistent double-digit

number of men studying for the priesthood since the closing of St. Stephen Seminary on Oahu's windward side decades ago.

Seminarian heyday and decline

Over the last 70 years, the ebb and flow in the number of seminarians in the Honolulu diocese has mirrored the nation's decrease and increase in diocesan vocations.

In 1946, Bishop James Sweeney, the first bishop of the Diocese of Honolulu, bought the estate of landowner Harold Castle on the Kailua slope of the Nuuanu pali to open St. Stephen Seminary. There he sought to train local men for the diocesan priesthood in order to end the Islands' dependence on missionary priests from Europe and the Mainland.

St. Stephen was run by a staff of Sulpician Fathers and initially admitted only high school students. Enrollment opened sluggishly with 14 seminarians, but grew to 30 by 1954.

The high school seminarians lived on campus, following a strict routine of classes,

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Mass to commemorate cathedral's new basilica status

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

The doors of Hawaii's famous cathedral will be thrown open Oct. 11 to welcome all who would like to share in its latest honor.

Already blessed by the footprints of saints, the 170-year-old mother church of Hawaii has gained a new tribute, the title of minor basilica, and Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate that recognition with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. on that day.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome granted Bishop Larry Silva's petition for the special designation on May 10. The church is now one of 82 minor basilicas in the U.S. and one of 1,600 worldwide.

The church has four major basilicas, all in Rome: St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major.

The new name for the Honolulu cathedral is Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

The title of basilica is an honorary one granted by the Vatican at the request of the local bishop. A basilica must serve an active worshipping community, be of an appropriately large size, and enjoy a certain historic, religious or



Alika Cullen, general administrator of Honolulu's Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace gives a tour of the historic church to parishioners of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Church, Ewa Beach, Sept. 17 in front of the relic of St. Damien.

aesthetic "renown."

Among its distinctions, the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, dedicated in 1843, claims to be the oldest cathedral in continuous use in the United States. It is the church where St. Damien

de Veuster was ordained a priest in 1864 and that greeted St. Mari- anne Cope when she arrived in Hawaii in 1883. Today it contains the relics of both saints and the graves of Bishop Louis Maigret and Bishop John J. Scanlan.

Oct. 11 is also the fifth anniversary of the canonization of St. Damien.

Lunch will be served following the Thanksgiving Mass in Kamiano Center next door to the cathedral.

Official notices

Bishop's calendar

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

- September 26, 12:00 pm, Funeral Mass for Fr. Robert Siu, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu.
- September 27-28, Episcopal Visitation, St. John Vianney Parish, Kailua.
- September 28, 11:00 am, Mass for the 45th Anniversary of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Ala Moana. [Fr. Gary Secor]
- September 30, 9:00 am, Diocesan Finance Council, Chancery, downtown Honolulu.
- October 3-6, Annual Meeting

of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Honolulu.

- October 7, 9:30 am, Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council, Chancery.
- October 9, 10:00 am, Presbyteral Council, Kamiano Center, downtown Honolulu; 1:00 pm, Clergy Personnel Board, Kamiano Center; 2:00 pm, College of Consultants, Kamiano Center.

Announcements/Appointments

- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Rico Bernadez (Diocese of Tagum) as Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kailua, effective September 2, 2014.

■ Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Emerson Delos Reyes (Diocese of Tagum) as Parochial Vicar of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Kailua-Kona, effective September 5, 2014.

■ Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Ramon Danilo Laeda (Diocese of Laoag) as Parochial Vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Honolulu, effective September 6, 2014.

■ Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Nelson Martinez (Diocese of Mati) as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Ewa Beach, effective October 1, 2014.

■ Bishop Silva has appointed Deacon Michael Ross (Diocese of

Columbus) to diaconal ministry at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Kailua-Kona, effective September 9, 2014.

■ The Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Honolulu has elected the following priests as its Officers, effective September 4, 2014 - June 30, 2015:

■ Chair: Reverend Konelio Faletoi; Vice-chair: Reverend Peter Miti; Secretary: Reverend Alapaki Kim.

■ Bishop Silva has appointed Sister Brenda Lau to the Diocesan Pastoral Council as the representative of Women Religious for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2017.

Heralding back NEWS FROM PAGES PAST



50 years ago — Sept. 25, 1964

Mixing Up Trouble – It is hoped that these students know what they are doing as they begin to use the new laboratory at Damien. Trying out the new equipment are students Thomas Texeira, Bruce Graham, and Abel Lew (left to right).

25 years ago — Sept. 29, 1989

St. Vincent de Paul Society opens central referral center

It's not as easy to remember as 911, and it won't be a 24-hour service to start, but 236-7352 will be a lifesaver nevertheless. It is the number of the new information and referral service of Hawaii's St. Vincent de Paul Society which goes into operation Oct. 2.

The service, called the Ozanam Center after the society's founder, Frederick Ozanam, will be located at Bethany House, the Sacred Hearts Congregation's Center on Likelike Highway just above Kaneohe.

A pilot program, the Ozanam Center will help provide emergency information to individuals and church outreach workers in need of food, clothing, household items and financial assistance.

10 years ago — Sept. 24, 2004

Kailua lay minister offers 'Scrub Bucket Gospel'

It sounds like a mid-20th century female imitation of Jesus' discipleship call to St. Peter to become a fisher of men. But Kailua resident Maxine Pollock says it really happened.

One day several decades ago, when this housewife, young mother and hairdresser by trade was hanging clothes on the clothesline, Pollock heard a voice tell her that she was destined to be not a "dresser of heads," but a "dresser of hearts." ...

As the founder and president of the newly formed Scrub Bucket Gospel Ministries, she is bringing the Gospel message back to the clothesline and the kitchen. ...

Today Scrub Bucket Ministries, perhaps Hawaii's only lay-run spiritual direction program, has a schedule of fall retreats. The first, a women's retreat set for the first weekend of October, was quickly filled to capacity through word of mouth.

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Diocese of Honolulu Seminarians

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Age: 48
Parents: Adelfo and Natividad Alfaro
Home parish: Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
Entered seminary: 2009
Current school: Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Preston-Jay Castro

Age: 20
Parents: Elaine Casamina Pascua (deceased) and Danny Castro
Home parish: St. Joseph Church, Waipahu
Entered seminary: 2014
Current school: Mount Angel Seminary

Kevin Clark

Age: 44
Parents: James J. Clark and Katherine G. Clark
Home parish: St. Rita Church, Nanakuli
Entered seminary: 2014
Current school: Mount Angel Seminary

Emmanuelle Del Castillo

Age: 22
Parents: Benjamin and Marieta Del Castillo
Home parish: Maria Lanakila Church, Lahaina
Entered seminary: 2010
Current school: Mount Angel Seminary

Romple Emwalu

Age: 32
Parents: Siena Kauka Emwalu and Deacon Celestino Emwalu
Home parish: St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church, Mililani
Entered seminary: 2010
Current school: St. Patrick's Seminary and University

Alfred Guerrero

Age: 25
Parents: Deceased
Home parish: Our Lady of the Mount Church, Kalihi/Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
Entered seminary: 2009
Current school: St. Patrick's Seminary and University (pastoral year at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Kailua-Kona)

E.J. Resinto

Age: 27
Parents: Eddie M. Resinto and Shanlyne M. (Texeira) Resinto
Home parish: Immaculate Conception Church, Lihue
Entered seminary: 2008
Current school: St. Patrick's Seminary and University

Dario Rinaldi

Age: 21
Parents: Steven and Laurie Rinaldi
Home parish: St. Joseph Church, Makawao
Entered seminary: 2011
Current school: Mount Angel Seminary

Ese'Ese "Ace" Tui

Age: 29
Parents: Siamani Tui Fa'atiligā and Miriama Aumaivao Tui
Home parish: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ewa Beach
Entered seminary: 2012
Current school: Mount Angel Seminary

William "Pila" Tulua

Age: 51
Parents: Nicole Moreno
Home parish: Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
Entered seminary: 2010
Current school: Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Frank Villanueva

Age: 34
Parents: Jose L. Villanueva and Judith L. Villanueva
Home parish: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Wahiawa
Entered seminary: 2011
Current school: Mount Angel Seminary

Vincent Anh Vu

Age: 25
Parents: Vu Son Hung and Nguyen Phuong Thi
Home parish: Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
Entered seminary: 2008
Current school: St. Patrick's Seminary and University

Seminarians on the rise

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 prayer, meals and recreation. Graduates continued their priestly formation on the Mainland.

St. Stephen added two years of college courses in 1955 following the accepted "6-6" formation system — four years of high school and two years of college at a "minor seminary," then the final two years of college and four years of graduate school at a "major seminary."

The growth of St. Stephen from the 1940s to the 1960s coincided with a national boom. During this period, the number of U.S. seminarians rose from 98 to 126. Nationwide enrollment surged to its highest point in 1964 at 48,992.

In 1964, St. Stephen had 70 high school and college seminarians.

Diocesan vocations dropped locally and nationally in the years that followed. In 1966, St. Stephen had 34 seminarians total.

The practice of seminarian education changed in the late 1960s to a "4-4-4" system: four years of high school, four years of undergraduate college and four years of graduate theology. Since then, however, nearly all of the country's high school seminaries have closed.

St. Stephen Seminary in 1968 began to send its college students to Chaminade College of Honolulu for academics, while they resided at St. Stephen for community living and spiritual direction. Meanwhile, enrollment steadily declined.

St. Stephen shut down its high school in 1970. That year, the school had 18 college seminarians. At the same time, eight seminaries in the U.S. also closed and nationwide seminarian numbers plummeted by almost 20,000.

St. Stephen was closed completely in 1980. The U.S. had only 13,226 seminarians that year.

Modern day upswing

After St. Stephen closed, Hawaii's priesthood prospects were sent to the Mainland for formation. Among the schools the diocese partnered with were the Theological College affiliated with the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and St. Francis Seminary in San Diego.

Diocesan vicar general Father

Gary Secor, who served as the diocese's vocations director in the 1980s and later at the turn of the millennium, said the number of seminarians during that time was sparse.

He said an upswing in numbers came in the mid-2000s. The diocese then began sending its undergraduate students to Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon and, as the need arose, the Wisconsin school for older vocations.

The diocese has kept its ties with St. Patrick Seminary in California, where it has been sending seminarians for graduate studies since the 1940s.

Although local seminarian numbers today aren't nearly what they were in their heyday, the increase mirrors again an up-

"I think young people have always been interested in serving God"

—Father Gary Secor

ward trend across the U.S.

Data from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, or CARA, at Georgetown University shows that there were 3,631 graduate-level seminarians in the U.S. in 2014. That is up almost 150 from the figures reported in 2010, and roughly 450 more than in 1995.

Though no longer vocations director for the diocese, Father Secor said he has sensed an increasing interest in the priesthood as he works with young adults.

"I think young people have always been interested in serving God," he said. "I think there's a lot of openness" to the calling for diocesan priests.

Father Secor attributes "a number of factors" to this increase in vocations. Many young people today are delaying major life commitments, he said, but are more open to exploring different callings. Some men consider the priesthood after finding that they can live happy, fulfilled lives as single Christians.

The lingering influence of St. John Paul II could also be attributed to the rising interest in the

priesthood, Father Secor said. Attending World Youth Day and other papal events often inspire young men to pursue a vocation.

The Catholic Church has had its share of challenges and scandals, Father Secor said, but it is heartening that despite "bad press, people are still interested" in becoming priests.

A long way to go

The increase in seminarians is a positive step for the American Catholic Church, but according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, there is a long way to go to meet the demand for more diocesan priests.

In 2010, 402 diocesan priests were ordained in the U.S., hardly enough to cover the shortfall caused by priests dying, retiring or departing the priesthood annually, CARA notes. To make up the losses, U.S. dioceses continue to bring in priests from other countries.

"The challenge remains," the CARA report explained, "because the church doesn't just need stability, it needs growth to keep up with a growing Catholic population and an aging clergy."

The Diocese of Honolulu is continuing to foster a culture of vocations. Bishop Larry Silva appointed Father Bill Shannon, who retired this year from full-time parish work, as the new "director of seminarians" in July. He will be keeping track of seminarians' formation. He plans to visit Mount Angel Seminary, Sacred Heart School of Theology and St. Patrick Seminary in the coming months.

In addition to diocesan seminarians, several young men from Hawaii are currently in formation for religious life with the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The order has three novices now undergoing formation at their provincial house in Kaneohe.

Father Secor, who grew up in Hawaii, encourages young men to look into the priesthood. It offers an enriching experience, he said, with a variety of work and ways to share God's love with others.

"If you want to serve God and the people of Hawaii, this is the best option," he said.



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FATHER ROBERT SIU | 1924-2014

One of Hawaii's first diocesan priests spent final years in Wyoming

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Father Robert Kwong Chee Siu, one of the Hawaii's first local-born diocesan priests, died Sept. 11 in Lander, Wyoming, where he was a retired parish priest in residence. He had celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination in June. He was 90 when he died.

Father Siu was as a parish priest and a seminary teacher in Hawaii for 18 years before leaving the islands for studies on the Mainland. He remained on the Mainland, serving in parishes and as a hospital chaplain in a number of western states.

His obituary on the website of Hudson's Funeral Home in Lander described the late priest as "a man of discipline, prayer, study, wisdom and great wit" who celebrated Mass "with devotion" every day, unless prevented by sickness.

"He was a patriot, a devotee of Notre Dame football, and a lover of horses, guns, hunting and the

natural beauty of Wyoming," the article said.

Robert Siu was born in Honolulu on July 29, 1924, one of seven children of Chin Tai Siu and Sin Cook Lee. He graduated from Saint Louis College (now Saint Louis School) in 1942. He joined the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946.

Father Siu had wanted to be a priest ever since his baptism at age 14. After his discharge from the Navy, he enrolled at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., from 1946 until 1948, when he entered St. Mary Seminary in Roland Park, Maryland.

Bishop James J. Sweeney, the first bishop of the Diocese of Honolulu, ordained the 30-year-old Father Siu on June 12, 1954, in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. He was the fifth Hawaii-born priest ordained by Bishop Sweeney, and the second of Chinese ancestry.

Father Siu served for a short time as an associate pastor at the Honolulu cathedral, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Holoaloa from 1954 to 1955; and at

Sacred Heart Parish, Waianae, from 1959 to 1964. He also was assistant chancellor for the diocese from 1962 to 1963.

Father Siu was pastor of the Big Island's Malia Puka O Kalani Parish in Keaukaha from 1964 to 1972.

In addition to parish work, he spent four years on the faculty of St. Stephen Seminary in Kaneohe, from 1955 to 1959, where he taught Latin, English composition and religion.

Father Siu left Hawaii in 1972 to study at the Institute of Spirituality in Oakland, California. He also enrolled in clinical pastoral education at two Catholic hospitals before moving to Idaho to work in several parishes, and then to Wyoming in 1980.

In Wyoming, he was associate pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cheyenne, administrator of St. Anthony in Upton, and pastor of St. Leo in Lusk and St. Joseph in Lovell. He retired in 1992 and lived as a priest in residence at Holy Rosary Parish, Lander, until his death.



Father Robert K.C. Siu pictured in his ordination portrait of 60 years ago

All this time he remained a priest of the Diocese of Honolulu.

A tribute to Father Siu on the New Liturgical Movement website, written by friend Kyle Washut, said that the retired priest had served as a "spiritual

elder" offering spiritual direction at Wyoming Catholic College.

"The man was a veritable fountain of knowledge," Washut wrote.

Washut described one of Father Siu's final Masses, celebrated in his rectory. "Here was a good and faithful servant, offering his very self as an immolation with this Holy Eucharist," he said. "While he was aware, he refused morphine, and when possible, even water in order to win souls for Christ."

"After that Mass, when Father Siu told me to go forth and serve the Lord, I hoped I could communicate to others the beauty of holiness that I witnessed in that man," Washut wrote.

Father Siu is survived by his brothers Arthur K.B. Siu and James K.M. Siu, and nieces and nephews.

Father Siu's funeral Mass was scheduled for noon, Sept. 26, 2014, in the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu. Burial was to be at Hawaiian Memorial Park.

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New director of safe environment brings management, social work skills to the job

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Dara Perreira, the human resources director of the diocese of Honolulu, had been fretting a few months ago about how hard it would be to fill the newly open position of director of safe environment.



Kristin Leandro

She needed someone with solid managerial experience and the heart of a social worker who could ensure that the Catholic Church in Hawaii was a place protected from sexual abuse and harassment. It was a one-of-a-kind position that needed a one-of-a-kind person.

At the same time, Kristin Leandro, a lifelong Catholic with graduate and post-graduate degrees in social work, had learned that her department at the Hawaii Medical Service Association, where she was a strategic planning manager, had been eliminated. She either had to find another position with HMSA where she had worked for 24 years, or look elsewhere.

Seeing this as an opportunity to pursue her first passion, social work, Leandro decided to try elsewhere.

She first explored Catholic Charities Hawaii and then turned to the Diocese of Honolulu web-

site. There she found Perreira's job posting for a safe environment director.

As if to validate this development, Leandro, at a class reunion, ran into Karen Kung, her fellow 1983 graduate at Sacred Hearts Academy and the diocese's previous safe environment coordinator.

Everything came together nicely.

On Sept 8, Leandro brought her years of management experience, her strategic planning skills, her enthusiasm for social services and her love of children into her new second floor office at St. Stephen Diocesan Center. From there she will oversee the implementation in Hawaii of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the rules mandated by the U.S. bishops after the clergy sex abuse crisis exploded a dozen years ago.

Here is a list of some of her tasks:

- To ensure that church employees and volunteers who work with minors are trained and screened according to safe environment laws and procedures.
- To assist the clergy office in coordinating background checks and safe environment training of all priests, deacons and seminarians.
- To help religious orders, private schools and other non-diocesan Catholic organizations in Hawaii comply with the charter.

- To ensure that the diocese meets the audit requirements of the National Office for Child and Youth Protection.

- To work with the bishop to guarantee that any clergy who have abused minors are properly monitored.

- To maintain regular training of designated safe environment liaisons in each parish and school.

- To work with diocesan attorneys and insurance carriers to make certain the diocese is appropriately mitigating risk.

- To collaborate with Catholic Charities Hawaii, sex-abuse organizations and enforcement agencies to further strengthen the safe environment program.

Leandro lives in Kaimuki and attends Newman Center/Holy Trinity Parish. She is a full 13-year, kindergarten through high school, Sacred Hearts Academy graduate.

The new director has been busy getting herself acquainted with the diocese, its offices and department heads. After one week on the job, she told the Hawaii Catholic Herald, "I love it."

Her biggest challenge, "based on what I hear so far," she said, will be "helping people understand the value of the program" whose limelight may have faded a bit.

But it's a challenge, she said, that "speaks to my heart and what I feel passionate about."

Office for Social Ministry

TALK STORY

Preparing for disasters

Aloha,

"The scandal that millions of people suffer from hunger must not paralyze us, but push each and every one of us to act: singles, families, communities, institutions, government, to eliminate this injustice." (Pope Francis)

The recent news that 183,500 of Hawaii's people — 14 percent of the population — receive emergency food assistance is a reminder that some of us suffer from disasters on a daily basis.

The Office for Social Ministry is piloting a program on disaster preparedness and community resiliency. Our parish food ministries now have an opportunity to address the need to prepare communities for difficult times. In a half dozen parishes this fall, this pilot program will help parish leadership review and assess existing disaster preparedness plans.

The program will have two dialogue sessions: one to draft a preparedness plan, the second to finalize the plan and identify action steps. We hope this effort will help connect the strategies of the parish, the community and families to make sure they will reach out to the most vulnerable among us.

St. Damien Parish in Molokai recently started their own program to develop disaster preparedness and community resiliency. To aid in the process, parish leaders met for a "talk story" session to hear how the church had prepared for possible disasters — what worked and what didn't. Later that evening, parishioners representing three generations of the Bicoy family gathered in Maunaloa for a similar "talk story" about how the community weathered storms. Many acknowledged the ohana system for helping community members support one another in times of disaster, as well as on a daily basis.

Through this process, the Molokai parish will develop a plan to achieve greater resiliency for the individual, parish and the community ohana.

For more information about this disaster preparedness and community resilience program, contact bcostKigan@hacbed.org. Mahalo.

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MARYKNOLL SISTER HELEN LOUISE GLEASON | 1929-2014

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Maryknoll Sister Helen Louise Gleason, who spent half of her 63 years in religious life as a teacher in Hawaii parish schools, died Sept. 11 at Maryknoll Sisters Center, Maryknoll, New York. She was 85.



Maryknoll Sister Helen Louise Gleason

Sister Helen was assigned to Hawaii three times, in 1956, 1980 and 1984, to teach in grade schools on Oahu and Maui. She also served in the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, and on Indian reservations in Minnesota.

Sister Helen was born on Jan. 20, 1929, in Cloquet, Minnesota, one of 11 children of William and Exilia Demers Gleason. She was a descendant on her mother's side of two famous North American explorers, Jean Nicolet who traveled Lake Michigan and Louis Joliet who surveyed the Mississippi River.

Helen joined the Maryknoll Sisters at their residence in Valley Park, Missouri, on Oct. 14, 1948, receiving the religious name Sister M. Evelyn John.

She made her first vows in Valley Park on May 8, 1951, and worked at her congregation's motherhouse in the Multigraph Department before making her final vows on May 8, 1954.

In 1954, she enrolled at Maryknoll Teachers College, Maryknoll, New York, receiving a bachelor's

degree in education in 1956.

Sister Helen was sent to Hawaii, where she taught third grade at St. Anthony School, Kalihi, from 1956 to 1962; first graders at St. Anthony, Wailuku, Maui, from 1962 to 1971; and primary grades at St. John the Baptist School, Honolulu, from 1971 to 1975. While teaching at St. John, Sister Helen was also the religious education coordinator for St. Philomena Parish, Salt Lake.

Sister Helen was then sent to Majuro in the Marshall Islands to be principal of a grammar school from 1975 to 1980. She returned to Honolulu to teach at Maryknoll Grade School from 1980 to 1983.

She spend one year as principal and kindergarten teacher for St. Rose School in Proctor, Minnesota, returning to Hawaii in 1984 to teach kindergarten at St. Ann School, Kaneohe, until 1991.

Sister Helen was then sent to Papua New Guinea, where she taught primary school children from 1991 to 1996. She returned to the Maryknoll motherhouse in New York to serve as a sacristan. From 1999 until 2007 she went to Minnesota to work in various ministries among Native Americans on reservations in Red Lake, her home town of Cloquet, and Fond du Lac.

Sister Helen then spent three years at the Maryknoll residence in Monrovia, California, and two more years in Cloquet before retiring at the motherhouse in 2012.

Her funeral and burial in the Maryknoll Sisters Cemetery was scheduled for Sept. 23.

Diocesan Filipino Catholic Clubs' 64th annual convention on Kauai

More than 200 delegates from across the state are expected to attend the 64th annual convention of the Diocesan Congress of



FCC congress president Oscar Portugal

Filipino Catholic Clubs, Nov. 14-16, at the Kauai Beach Resort Hotel. The theme of the event is "Go and bear witness to our faith."

The convention will feature workshops and prayer services, plus recognition of the Father Ernest Claes Awardees for each Fili-

pino Catholic Club island council. The DCFCC will also recognize its outstanding member with the congress' highest honor — the Founder's Award in memory of Msgr. Osmundo Calip who started the FCC movement in Hawaii 64 years ago.

Diocesan congress president Oscar Portugal will preside over the business sessions including the elections of new officers for the coming year.

The deadline to register for the convention is Oct. 28. Those interested in attending may contact any FCC unit in their parishes, or call 245-6566, or email DCFCC50@aol.com.

Scrub Bucket Ministries offering women's retreat

Scrub Bucket Gospel Ministries is offering the women's contemplative weekend retreat, "And Their Eyes Were Opened," 7 p.m. Oct. 10, to 2 p.m. Oct. 12, at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley.

The \$185 fee covers a private room with air conditioning and

bath plus five meals. Mass will be celebrated.

Space is limited but payment secures a space. Make checks payable to Scrub Bucket Gospel Ministries, 320-3 Molo St., Kailua, HI 96734. For information, call Pat Tom, 261-8104, or Maxine Pollock, 254-1091.

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1 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

On Aug. 15, our parish celebrated the feast day of our dear patroness. The lovely image of **Our Lady of the Mount** was enshrined in the sanctuary adorned with flowers and candles. A novena was prayed nine days prior to the feast, which coincides with the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Presiding over the solemn feast day Mass was visiting **Bishop Renato Mayugba**, seated center, of the Diocese of Laoag, Philippines. Concelebrating were our pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes**, left, and pastor emeritus **Father Adrian Gervacio**, right. The celebration culminated on Aug. 16, with a candlelight procession to the mountainside grotto of Our Lady under the care of the **Brotherhood of Our Lady of the Mount** who also served complimentary delicacies for fellowship. We thanked and sang the praises of our beloved patroness for her loving guidance and blessings to our parish for the past 144 years of its existence. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff; photo by Jun Cortez)



EDITOR'S CHOICE

2 KALIHI KAI

St. Anthony Parish

On June 27, our parish **Sacred Hearts group** celebrated its 16th anniversary with Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6 p.m. After Mass, our group had a simple celebration at the cafeteria. Our guests were pastor La Salette **Father Manny Dela Cruz** and priest-in-residence **Father Francis Sanchez**. Our bento meal included rice, pancit, teri chicken, embutido and paradosos. Some members brought other delicacies to be shared. As usual, there were raffles, trivia questions and door prizes. To everyone's surprise, both priests volunteered for a game that called for two groups of five people. Outside the cafeteria, out of sight from each other, each group was given a box of newspaper and magazine pages and instructed to dress the model of their choice. The laughter started when each group chose their priest. When the models were presented, the cafeteria became a hilarious and noisy place. Father Manny came out as a bride with a long train, complete with a headdress, veil and a bouquet that he tossed to the ladies. Father Francis came out with a long gown with ruffled neckline, a huge flyaway headdress with flowers and a bag. The decision was a tie for both hard working groups and their cooperative priests. Thank you very much, Fathers, for being such good sports and making a memorable anniversary! (Reported by Fe Rodillas)



HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

Our parish celebrates its **45th anniversary** with a luncheon Sept. 28 at 11:30, at the Pagoda Restaurant's International Ballroom. **Father Gary Secor**, vicar general, will celebrate the anniversary Mass that day at 11 a.m. Cost for the luncheon is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 5-8. (From the parish bulletin)

3 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish **Thirty-three parish catechists, two catechist assistants and one religion educator** from the parish school spent the morning of Sept. 13 at their annual retreat, a week before Catechetical Sunday Sept. 21. The retreat focused on **Pope Francis'** address to pilgrim catechists for the International Con-



gress of Catechesis in Rome Sept. 27, 2013. The retreatants reflected on the pope's three themes: "Abide by Jesus," "Imitate Jesus by leaving ourselves behind" and "Go out to encounter others; go out with Jesus to the outskirts." The songs "We Are Called to Serve," "As the Deer Longs," "The Summons," "Center of My Life," and "Be Not Afraid" were woven into the pope's address. The retreat included a half-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Pictured are some of the catechists who attended the three-hour retreat facilitated by the parish director of religious education. (Reported by Julia Torres)

4 KAHULUI

Christ the King Parish

Bishop Larry Silva blessed, anointed and dedicated the new altar Aug. 31 at the 8 a.m. Mass with many devoted parishioners present. The **Sacred Heart Community Rosary** led by **Veronica Cachola** and **Linda Pulido** donated materials. The **Salaguinto Family of JMA Imports** donated the Last Supper. **Deacon Cornelio Pulido** constructed the new altar with the help of his brother **Tomas Pulido**. (Reported by Audie Pascual)

5 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Our parish celebrated its **75th anniversary** Mass Sept. 7 with **Bishop Larry Silva**, vicar gen-

eral **Father Gary Secor**, vicar for clergy **Father Manny Hewe**, pastor Sacred Hearts **Father Richard McNally**, former pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes** and **Father Daniel Laeda**. Everyone enjoyed a luau with good food and entertainment that included comedian **Frank De Lima**. Pictured is music director **Kainoa Fukumoto** playing parish history Trivial Pursuit with Father McNally and former pastors **Father Larry Fisher** and Father Brillantes. (Reported by Janice Vannatta)

PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

The **Women's Bible Study Group's** spaghetti dinner and bingo in Avery Hall raised \$527 to help with the cost of the St. Damien statue. The food was one and the bingo extra special. Special mahalos go out to our cooks for the evening **Roberta Van Goethem** and **Nancy Robbins**. And a big, big thank you to the **Fraternal Order of Eagles** in Keaau for use of their Bingo equipment. ... The **Parish Youth Group** has been hosting fundraising bake sales after each weekend Mass. On Sept. 21 they served breakfast in Avery Hall after each Mass. For \$5, the diners feasted on eggs, Portuguese sausage, rice and waffles. The youth group will also be accepting HI-5 recyclables. (Reported by Richard Robbins)

6 MILILANI

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

International youth speaker, musician and beat boxer **Paul J. Kim** spoke at our parish for two nights: Aug. 20, "Church Isn't Boring. You Are" and Aug. 21, "Lust vs. Love, Counterfeit vs. Authentic." Kim had made a lasting impression to our small contingent of adults and young people at the 2014 Youth Day in Anaheim. With support of pastor **Msgr. John Mbinda**, **Deacon Wally Mitsui** contacted Paul to speak at our parish. Paul's humor and inspiring message captivated young and old with insightful stories, Catholic values and powerful Scripture messages on subjects like chastity, sex, pornography and authentic love. Both nights began with praise and worship with our **Youth and Young Adult band** led by **Alen Orsense** and **Nolet Quiason**. Deacon Wally and Alvin led prayer. **Italo Fonglesong** gave a rousing introduction of Paul and **Maggie Kim**. Other parishes represented were **Our Lady of Sorrows**, **St. Joseph**, **Resurrection of the Lord**, **St. Anthony**, Kalihi. Paul's message was money, sex, drugs, popularity and power cannot truly satisfy a person's heart. Instead we must invite God into our lives to satisfy a restless hunger and a longing to know him. Paul and Maggie, who had honeymooned in Kauai, were back in the islands celebrating their

first wedding anniversary when they spoke here. They also shared the joyful news that they are expecting their first child, a girl, in December. (Reported by Gwen Mitsui; photo by Jolly Guerrero-Tano)

7 KAILUA-KONA

St. Michael Parish

Parishioners welcome the new parochial vicar **Father Emerson Delos Reyes** (Father Boyet) after his first 9 a.m. Mass on Sept. 14 at the St. Michael's tent. (Reported by Shirley David)

KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

As did most parishes throughout the country, we blessed and commissioned our catechists on Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 21. Our parish is certainly blessed to have the committed people involved in our religious education, RCIA, Baptism, marriage, Bible study, Little Church (youth leaders), youth group and Confirmation classes. We most kindly thank and congratulate them for their dedication to spreading God's Gospel message: **Lisa Achuara, JoAnn Bergh, Deacon Jim Bostick, Sandra Cabral, Wendy Castillo, Martin Costales, Lola Cruz, Millie Curtis, Lisa Davalos, Riley Davalos, Juana Domingo, Alicia Emayo, Diana Honjiyo, Robbie Jiao, Beverly Johnston, Charlene Lazaro, Tony Lazaro, Sister Monica Martin, Kathleen Miguel, Darlene Muraoka, Lyle Muraoka, Sister Michael Ann O'Donnell, Marcy Parinas, Janica Pascua, Alyssa Pigao, Ed Ponting, Jonelle Renti Cruz, Sister Janet Rose, Maura Sabado, Lorraine Savaria and Tyrelle Unciano**. We especially thank Sister Michael Ann, our new director of religious education, for coordinating all these programs. God bless all of our catechists! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

8 KAPAA

St. Catherine School

Mrs. Sally Harrison, our after-school care facilitator, is also a very talented artist. Her newest piece of art, "Jesus Blesses the Children" was unveiled on Sept. 12. Our pastor **Father Anthony Rapozo** blessed this beautiful piece of art. ... With the growth of our school, we added an additional kindergarten class. What was our library was converted this summer into two beautiful kindergarten classrooms. Father Anthony also blessed this building on Sept. 12. These rooms were dedicated to the memory of **Mr. Mel Aqui**, husband of our librarian **Mrs. Gloria Aqui**. Mr. Aqui was an integral part of our school in the 1980s and 90s. (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

9 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

On July 27, we had our **parish picnic** and fourth annual **Walk for Our Future** at Giggle Hill Park. This event is a parish favorite, bringing together families for a day of fun and camaraderie. Before lunch, walkers warmed up for the annual walk led by the children of the parish. Weeks before the event, walkers collected pledges from family and friends. This was not only a healthy event, it also raised money to pay for the land we have owned since Dec. 31, 2012. After the walk **Father Leonard Ssempiija** blessed the amazing spread of food and all who gathered. After lunch there were

games for the children planned by the **Freeman family** and a hike to the top of Giggle Hill. Portuguese horseshoe was introduced to Father Leonard who enjoyed a few games with parishioners. We were blessed with beautiful weather, good fellowship, an abundance of food and a successful fundraiser. Our parish thanks all the walkers, sponsors and donors for their generosity. Pictured are children of our parish, from left, **Cheyenne Yap, Uilani Omalza, Kamalei Omalza, Kahiapo Omalza and Joshua Fernandez.** (Reported by Esther Yap)



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10 PALAMA
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
Children, teenagers and adults attended the start of our **2014-2015 Faith Formation year with religious education, First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes.** Children in grades K-8 attended religious education classes. A separate First Communion class is for children ages 8-15 who have not received Eucharist yet. High school students seeking to be confirmed registered for Confirmation 1 and 2 classes. Adults seeking initiation into the Catholic Church attended the RCIA classes. Director of religious education **Sister Mercedes Estrella, SPC,** gathered the students in the parish hall. Confirmation 2 catechists **Joel and Fay Pabo** led the children and parents in song. **Father Gregorio Honorio Jr.,** speaking to the assembly, said our goal in catechesis is to know, to love and to serve God. (Reported by Eric Bolosan)



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11 KAPOLEI
St. Jude Parish
There were lots of happy smiles on our youth as they ended their **Confirmation Year 2** retreat of bonding, fellowship and fun! The group participated in activities throughout the Sept. 12-14 weekend at Camp Mokuieia, supervised by leaders **Auli'i Teson, Marie Zamora, Bobby Morris, Mark Zamora, Steve Bruno, Jim Teson and Tony and Bonnie Boquer.** A big mahalo to Confirmation coordinator **Keahi Teson** for her TLC in planning this very special, meaningful retreat complete with each student receiving a palanca (letter) from his or her family. **Bishop Larry Silva** is scheduled to preside at our Confirmation Mass, Dec. 9. (Reported by Caren Argenzia)



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WAIALUA
St. Michael Parish
On Sept. 14, we said "nomoshkar" or "aashi" (goodbye) to **Msgr. Francis Gomes** of Calcutta, India, who has been with us for nearly two weeks helping **Father Keahi** with daily and Sunday Masses. We also say "dhonnobad" (thank you) for his kind and wonderful assistance as **Father Lucius** recovers from recent surgery. Recently retired, the monsignor is on his way to Washington and then the East Coast on a holiday. (From the parish bulletin)



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12 HONOLULU
Maryknoll School
Two weeks ago, it was spirit week

here at Maryknoll! **Middle school and high school students** alike participated in various activities. To add a little change to our normal routines, students dressed to match spirit week themes: Military Monday, Twin Tuesday, Western Wednesday, Tourist Thursday and Show-Some-Class Friday (students wore class shirts). Friday was exciting with an amazing banner competition between classes, topped off with thrilling dodge ball games between homerooms. The **eighth graders** won the middle school banner competition, while the **junior class** won for the high school. In dodge ball, **Ms. Higa's freshman homeroom** competed with a fierce drive, rallying the freshman during the semi-finals (pictured). At the end of the day, a **senior homeroom** claimed the dodge ball trophy. Throughout the week, our students expressed their pride when learning, praying, and playing together.

We are one school and one team. Go Spartans! (Reported by Laura Esenberg)

13 HONOLULU
Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School
Our school celebrated its **105th birthday** on Sept. 12. Students enjoyed special treats, yellow and white balloons decorated the quad, and "rockets" launched confetti into the air. Campus minister **Sister Katherine Francis Miller,** theology chair **Sister Irene Barboza,** provincial **Sister Regina Mary Jenkins,** and eight other sisters joined the celebration. Their loving presence reminded our school community of the school's history and how our roots are tied to the dedication of the **Congregation of the Sisters of Sacred Hearts.** Our school mission reinforces the sisters' mission of helping students discover

and develop their talents to be used in service to their families, church and communities. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

14 MAKAWAO
St. Joseph Early Learning Center
La Salette **Father Eric Castro** received a birthday surprise early in the morning Sept. 9. Our **students** rang his doorbell and presented their gifts, a banner and songs, to wish our beloved pastor a happy 44th birthday. The parish also celebrated with a birthday bash on Sept. 14 after the 5 p.m. Mass. It was well attended and Father Eric enjoyed the evening with food, fun and fellowship. Happy birthday, Father Eric, God bless you! (Reported by Helen Souza)

15 HONOLULU
Holy Family Catholic Academy
The **Hawaii Bloodmobile** visited

the school on Sept. 7 for one of our two annual school-sponsored blood drives. Generous donors stepped up to the plate to heed the call of the **Blood Bank of Hawaii** and its constant need for blood. Our **National Junior Honor Society student members** were on hand to meet and greet volunteer donors from the parish and school, to direct and assist them, and to offer them healthy snacks and beverages afterward. The successful five-hour drive contributed 26 pints of blood. Pictured next to the bloodmobile are our eighth graders, **George Brady, Taylor Buckley and Clarissa DeSmet,** the Honor Society's welcoming crew for the day's event. (Reported by Christina Malins; photo by Jeremy Morrow)

16 KANEHOE
St. Ann Model School
During our school's Heritage Week, starting Sept. 15, students learned the vibrant history of our parish and schools. They also learned about the **Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary** and the impact it had on our island home. The Sacred Hearts Congregation founded St. Ann Church and still ministers here. Our monthly core values come directly from the charism of the congregation. The students also studied St. Damien, a brother of the congregation. Heritage Week included Kupuna Day Sept. 17 when more than 80 grandparents visited. The morning began with Mass, followed by a student assembly that launched the new school year with an explosion of confetti and streamers as the children counted down to an exciting start of the year. Grandparents then joined their grandchildren in class, participating in science labs, working out math problems and creating keepsakes with their mo'opuna. The day ended with lunch in our Food Court. It was an honor to host our grandparents. Pictured are fifth graders **Karylle Feary and Davis Mendonsa** with grandparents **Florence Feary and Norma Jacques-Herrera** looking in the St. Ann's history book for answers to complete their Kupuna Day scavenger hunt. (Reported by Kuulei Halemano)

17 PEARL CITY
Our Lady of Good Counsel School
Sept. 4 marked our school's **50th Golden Anniversary.** In commemoration, **Bishop Larry Silva** presided at our weekly school Mass Sept. 11. It was a day of remembrance, reflection and celebration. The school was presented with certificates from the **City and County of Honolulu, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate** recognizing our years of quality education and our continued efforts instilling the Gospel principles of community, worship and service. Making presentations were **Rep. Gregg Takayama** and **Councilmember Breene Harimoto.** The office of **Mayor Kirk Caldwell** declared Sept. 11 "Our Lady of Good Counsel School Day." After Mass, guests, students, faculty and staff enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the parish center. Many of the children were excited to break bread with

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the bishop. Guests included government officials, previous principals and priests, as well as alumni. Pictured are three of school principals, past and present, from left: **Sister Candida Oroc**, present principal **Cindy Olaso** and **Sister William Marie Eleniki**. (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

18 KAILUA
St. John Vianney School

Our school proudly introduces its **2014-2015 student government** and is looking forward to a wonderful year. Student council officers are president **Kawaipi'ilama Manuwai**, vice president **Kyra Kahahawai**, secretary **Kanoe Kaleopa'a**, treasurer **Brooke Iverson**; 5th grade representatives **Liberty Lum** and **Claire Cronin**; sixth grade representatives **Michael Brede** and **Mahina Kaleiheana-Erickson**; seventh grade representatives **Kichelle Oana** and **Arisa Chang**. Congratulations to all the candidates! Mahalo to advisor **Mrs. Kanoe Turner**! ... The **fourth graders** are again selling beautiful Christmas trees from Oregon to fund their spring Big Island trip. For the past six years, the trees have been gorgeous and customers keep coming back! Order forms are available in the school office and on our website, sjvkailua.org. Supply is limited, so don't wait! ... Registration for the **SSAT Review Class** is now open for students in grades 6-8 and the community. Classes are 8-10 a.m., Saturdays, Oct. 18-Dec. 6. It is a 16-hour course of small group instruction. The cost, including the study book, is \$125. Submit registration and payment at the school office. For more information, call 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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19 WAILUKU
St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School

Our 11th-grader **Olivia Carbajal** waves to motorists in recognition of the anniversary of the attack on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Co-ordinated by the school's **National Honor Society**, students and staff participated in sign and flag waving before and after the school day and during their lunch recess. The National Honor Society also completed a school-wide **Penny Purge campaign** that raised approximately \$1,000 for storm-damaged schools on the Big Island. In addition, **St. Anthony's Rotary Interact Club** spearheaded a school supply drive in September and donated dozens of donated items to the same schools in Puna. (Reported by Claudine San Nicolas)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

HONOLULU
Cathedral Catholic Academy

Our school celebrated 79 years of education with a **fall open house** on Sept. 20. We are the first Hawaii Catholic school to adopt the **Project Based Learning model**. We have a small family school environment, strong integrated digital curriculum and reasonable tuition. We are currently accepting applications for students entering kindergarten through seventh grade. Find us on the web at: <http://teacherweb.com/>

HI/CathedralCatholicAcademy/HomePage/. Cathedral Catholic Academy, where the spirit makes the difference! (Reported by Michael K. Palekukui)

20 KALIHI
St. Anthony School

The **boys and girls volleyball teams** won their first games against **St. Francis** on Sept. 19. The game was well attended by cheering family members and friends. Congratulations to **players, coaches and alumni student helpers**. Go Trojans! Your school ohana is very proud of you! On the boys team: **Angelito Aagsalud Jr., Kendall Ramelb, Joseph Kyle Calibo, Mason Royce Daoang, Brad Sagucio, Wally Patrick Valerio, Nyl Bryan Parial** and **Ehren Merdrano**. On the girls team: **Lilzen**

Kate Dacua, Kaleikaumaka Downey, Ethel Guillermo, Amery Mamuad, Arienne Moses, Jaycee Anna Amanca, Rebecca Meyer, Xavier Downey-Silva, Tyra Tabayoyong and **Haycel Maluyo**. Head coach and athletic director: **Ms. Blythe Gascon**. Assistant coaches: **Lendall Agpaoa, Julius Quiroga** and **Ka'ena Kalima-Gascon**. Alumni student helpers: **Jasmine Collado, Austin Torralba** and **DJ Ace Carlos**. (Reported by Tess Reyes)

21 WAIPAHU
St. Joseph School

The **fourth grade** sponsored our **school Friday Mass** on Sept. 5. The class was responsible for the readings, responsorial psalm and offertory. The school's choir led us all with their majestic singing and

instrumentals. At our school, each class sponsors school Masses and parish Sunday Masses throughout the school year. Pictured is the fourth grade class. (Reported by Keala Kia)

22 HONOLULU
St. Theresa School

To celebrate **Grandparents Day**, students invited their grandparents to Mass. Nearly a hundred grandparents stayed to enjoy refreshments and participate in a fun picture-making activity with their grandchildren. Pictured is fourth-grader **Allyson Perreira** sharing a special moment with her grandmother! (Reported by Lynette Seto)

23 EWA BEACH
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

The school celebrated **Grandpar-**

ent's Day on Sept. 17, with more than 200 **grandparents** joining students, faculty, staff and parishioners for morning Mass celebrated by **Father Ed Barut**. Father Ed's homily expressed how important grandparents are in our lives. After Mass, the grandparents gathered for a group picture at the altar. The principal, **Sister Davilyn Ah Chick**, opened the program with a beautiful prayer. Students in every grade, who prepared for weeks to share their talents with their grandparents, delighted them with their songs. After the program, grandchildren joined their grandparents for refreshments as they continued to share the rest of the day. Grandparent's Day is a tradition we look forward to each year, a tradition that continues to define, in part, that which is so important to us as a school: family. Pictured are sisters **Natalie and Briley Tolentino** and their grandmothers **Mama Sing** and **Mama Ann**. (Reported by Laverne Suster; photo by Patricia White)


24 WAILUKU
St. Anthony Grade School

Our school is off to a great fun-filled academic year! Throughout the week of Aug. 31, students were anxious to hear speeches and vote for the candidates running for **student council**. On Sept. 5, the winners were announced and sworn in by the honorable **Judge Joseph Cardoza** at their morning assembly. Pictured are **Marissa Gurat**, advisor and fifth grade teacher; **Luke Montalvo**, vice-president; **Ryllah-Rae Rodrigues**, secretary; **Anjeleigh Dela Cruz**, president; and Judge Cardoza. Missing is **Alexandria Retuta**, treasurer. (Reported by Teri Tavares)

25 HONOLULU
Sacred Hearts Academy High School

This past summer, senior **Zoe Sprott** spent seven weeks in Kirov, Russia, learning Russian. She won a merit-based scholarship from the **National Security Language Initiative for Youth**, in partnership with the U.S. State Department, to study a language and culture through immersion in a host country. One of 15 students from the U.S., Zoe lived in a dormitory with Russian peers for three weeks, and the rest of the summer with her host mother **Marina** and her host sister **Maria**. For five hours a day, Zoe and her American peers, who came knowing very little of the language, attended classes taught by Russian teachers. During their last week, the students took the 13-hour train ride from Kirov to Moscow and toured Russia's capital city. Here she is pictured in Moscow outside Red Square. "The experience was life-changing," Zoe said. "I fell in love with the Russian culture and people." She hopes to attend a college that offers Russian language and is considering majors in economics, neuro-linguistics and pre-law. Zoe volunteers at the Pacific Aviation Museum and assists with the "Star Light, Star Bright" program for children whose mothers are incarcerated. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

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Banners depict Albanian martyrs, most of whom died under communism, as Pope Francis arrives to celebrate Mass in Mother Teresa Square in Tirana, Albania, Sept. 21.

Pope Francis

Survivors of Albania's dictatorship give witness, move pope to tears

BY CAROL GLATZ

TIRANA, Albania — Two survivors of Albania's communist crackdown against the church brought Pope Francis to tears with their stories during a vespers service in Tirana's cathedral Sept. 21.

"To hear a martyr talk about his own martyrdom is intense," the pope told journalists on the papal plane back to Rome the same evening. "I think all of us there were moved, all of us."

Franciscan Father Ernest Simoni, 84, talked about his life as a priest under a militant atheist regime that targeted people of every faith — Christian and Muslim — between 1944 and 1991. Despite the risks of torture, imprisonment and execution, people held onto their beliefs as best they could, praying and passing on their traditions underground.

Father Simoni said his religious superiors were shot dead and the military drafted him in an effort to "make me disappear. I spent two years there, years that were worse than any prison."

He managed to be ordained a priest in 1956, on the feast of Divine Mercy. But the worse was yet to come when the regime, which was set to become the first atheist nation in the world, intensified its war against religion in the 1960s.

On Christmas Eve 1963, the priest was arrested while celebrating Mass and was sentenced to death by firing squad. He was beaten, placed for three months in solitary confinement under "inhumane" conditions, then tortured because he refused to denounce the church.

He was eventually freed, but later arrested again and sent to a prison camp, where he was forced to work in a mine for 18 years and then 10 more years in sewage canals.

All the time he was imprisoned, he said, he celebrated Mass from memory in Latin, heard confessions and distributed Communion to other prisoners — all clandestinely. When the regime collapsed in 1991, he returned



Pope Francis is welcomed by Albania's President Bujar Nishani at the presidential palace in Tirana, Albania, Sept. 21.

to ministry by serving isolated mountain villages, urging Christians caught up in a cycle of revenge to let go of their hatred and embrace God's love.

When the priest finished his testimony, he approached the pope, who extended his arms to embrace him. But the priest dropped to his knees to kiss the pope's ring. Standing together, the two men embraced warmly. Moved to tears, the pope removed his glasses and the men briefly rested their foreheads against each other.

Stigmatine Sister Marije Kaleta, 85, spoke next about being a novice during the regime and secretly baptizing "everyone who came to my door," but only after making sure they weren't spies who wanted to turn her in to authorities.

One day, while walking along a road, a mother carrying her child ran up to her, asking her to baptize the infant.

Sister Kaleta was hesitant because the woman's husband was a communist and she worried it might be a trap. So she told the mother it wasn't possible because she didn't have the things necessary for baptism.

The mother appeared desperate, and even though they were in the middle of a road, she pointed to a nearby ditch saying that's where they could get the water.

Still unsure, the sister said she had

nothing with which to pour the water over the child's head.

"But she insisted that I baptize her child. So, seeing her faith, I took off my shoe, since it was made of plastic, and I took the water from the canal with that and baptized the child," she said.

Thanks to a number of priests who also worked clandestinely, "I had the good fortune of having the Blessed Sacrament," which she kept hidden in bed sheets to secretly administer to people who were ill or dying.

The pope said he had had no idea how much the people of Albania had suffered for their faith, until two months earlier when he started preparing for his trip.

He said he was moved to see Tirana's main boulevard lined with banners bearing black-and-white photographs of dozens of Catholics killed by the regime. Their cause for canonization as martyrs of the faith is being considered.

Pope Francis called Albania a land of heroes and martyrs and said that, by embracing the priest and sister, he had "touched two of them."

The pope said Father Simoni and Sister Kaleta "performed a service for us: consoling us" by showing that God always provides the strength and hope to confront and overcome the tiniest inconveniences and the worst atrocities.

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U.S. CHICAGO



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Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago introduces Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane, Washington, left, as the next archbishop of Chicago during a news conference Sept. 20 at the Quigley Center. Bishop Cupich will be installed as the archbishop of Chicago's 2.2 million Catholics Nov. 18 at Holy Name Cathedral.

Vatican City



CNS/Giuseppe Ricciardi via Twitter

Retired Pope Benedict XVI poses for what is said to be his first selfie Sept. 12 with Italian seminarian Giuseppe Ricciardi. The photo of the pope, 87, and Ricciardi, from the southern Italian diocese of Aversa, has been posted on the seminarian's Twitter feed.

U.S. SAN ANTONIO



CNS photo/Rick Musacchio, Tennessee Register

Bishop David R. Choby of Nashville, Tenn., anoints William Carmona's hands as part of the ordination rite at Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center in San Antonio Sept. 8. Carmona, gravely ill with cancer, was ordained for the Diocese of Nashville. He died shortly after his ordination.

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Cardinal George Pell and Cardinal Raymond L. Burke.



Cardinal Walter Kasper, pictured in a Feb. 21 photo.

VATICAN CITY

Cardinal vs. cardinal

Both sides exchange fire over giving Communion to divorced, remarried

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

The extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family will not open until Oct. 5, but some of its most prominent members are already publicly debating what is bound to be one of its most controversial topics: the eligibility of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

In an interview published Sept. 18, a proponent of changing church practice to allow such Catholics to receive Communion answered criticism from some of his fellow cardinals, suggesting they are seeking a “doctrinal war” whose ultimate target is Pope Francis.

“They claim to know on their own what truth is, but Catholic doctrine is not a closed system, but a living tradition that develops,” German Cardinal Walter Kasper told the Italian daily *Il Mattino*. “They want to crystallize the truth in certain formulas ... the formulas of tradition.”

“None of my brother cardinals has ever spoken with me,” the cardinal said. “I, on the other hand, have spoken twice with the Holy Father. I arranged everything with him. He was in agreement. What can a cardinal do but stand with the pope? I am not the target, the target is another.”

Asked if the target was Pope Francis, the cardinal replied: “Probably yes.”

Cardinal Kasper, who will participate in the upcoming synod by personal appointment of the pope, was responding to a new book featuring contributions by five cardinals, including three of his fellow synod fathers, who criticize his proposal to make it easier for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

According to church teaching, Catholics who remarry civilly without an annulment of their first, sacramental marriage may not receive Communion unless they abstain from sexual relations, living with their new partners “as brother and sister.”

Pope Francis has said the predicament of such Catholics exemplifies a general need for mercy in the church today, and has indicated that their predicament will be a major topic of discussion at the synod. In February, at the pope’s invitation, Cardinal Kasper addressed the world’s cardinals at the Vatican and argued for allowing some Catholics in that situation to receive Communion.

The Oct. 5-19 synod is not supposed to reach any definitive conclusions but instead set the agenda for a larger synod on the family in October 2015, which will make recommendations to the pope, who will make any final decisions on change.

“Remaining in the Truth of Christ,” which Ignatius Press will publish Oct. 1, includes essays in response to Cardinal Kasper’s proposal by three synod fathers: Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature; and Cardinal Carlo Caffarra of Bologna, Italy.

On the same day, Ignatius Press will also publish two other books in which synod fathers respond to Cardinal Kasper’s proposal: “The Hope of the Family,” an extended interview with Cardinal Muller; and “The Gospel of the Family,” which features a foreword by Cardinal George Pell, prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy. (Cardinal Kasper’s address, published by Paulist Press, is also titled “The Gospel of the Family.”)

Cardinal Pell calls for a clear restatement of the traditional ban on Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried, to avoid the sort of widespread protests that greeted Pope Paul VI’s affirmation of Catholic teaching against contraception in 1968.

“The sooner the wounded, the lukewarm, and the outsiders realize that substantial doctrinal and pastoral changes are impossible, the more the hostile disappointment (which must follow the reassertion of doctrine) will be anticipated and dissipated,” writes

Cardinal Pell, who sits on the nine-member Council of Cardinals advising Pope Francis on Vatican reform and governance of the universal church.

Cardinal Muller’s essay, previously published in the Vatican newspaper, reaffirms the traditional ban. However, the cardinal notes that many Catholics’ first marriages might be invalid, and thus eligible for annulment, if the parties have been influenced by prevailing contemporary conceptions of marriage as a temporary arrangement.

In the book-length interview, Cardinal Muller, whom Pope Francis made a cardinal in February, makes an apparent reference to Cardinal Kasper’s argument, which underscores the importance of mercy.

“I observe with a certain amazement the use by some theologians, once again, of the same reasoning about mercy as an excuse for promoting the admission of divorced and civilly remarried persons to the sacraments,” Cardinal Muller is quoted as saying. “The scriptural evidence shows us that, besides mercy, holiness and justice are also part of the mystery of God.”

Cardinal Burke, head of the Vatican’s highest court, warns that any reform of the process for annulling marriages — something both Pope Francis and Cardinal Kasper have said is necessary — should not oversimplify the judicial process at the cost of justice, since Catholics seeking an annulment deserve a decision that “respects fully the truth and, therefore, charity.”

Cardinal Caffarra, whom Pope Francis personally named to participate in the synod, argues that divorced and civilly remarried Catholics may not receive Communion because their situation “is in objective contradiction with that bond of love that unites Christ and the church, which is signified and actualized by the Eucharist.”

To lift the ban, Cardinal Caffarra argues, would be to legitimize extramarital sexual relations and effectively deny the doctrine of the indissolubility of marriage.

Nation/World

Washington, D.C.

Bishops urge day of prayer for upcoming synod

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has joined Pope Francis and the office for the Synod of Bishops in encouraging a universal day of prayer Sept. 28 for the upcoming synod on the family. The extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family will take place at the Vatican Oct. 5-19. For the day of prayer, Catholics are encouraged to say a prayer to the Holy Family written by Pope Francis. Intercessory prayers are available at <http://bit.ly/1v9xFp1>. Catholics are also being encouraged to pray the rosary each day of the synod.

England **Manchester**

Scot bishops optimistic after independence vote

The Catholic bishops of Scotland said they accept the results of referendum in which Scot voters rejected independence. In a Sept. 19 statement, the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland said, “It is our hope that we can all now cooperate for the benefit of our nation in the future.” The Sept. 18 vote on whether Scotland should leave the United Kingdom was rejected by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin. The days leading to the vote were marred by reports of violence and vandalism.

Vatican City

Turkey for Pope Francis in November

The Vatican confirmed that Pope Francis is planning to visit Turkey “in the last days of November,” but said the length of his trip and his agenda in the country have yet to be determined. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, made the announcement Sept. 12. The trip will be Pope Francis’ sixth outside of Italy.

Washington, D.C.

Vatican astronomer: Life will be found in universe

Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, the new president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, has no doubt that life exists elsewhere in the universe and that when humanity discovers it, it won’t be a surprise. “The general public is going to be, ‘Oh, I knew that. I knew it was going to be there,’” he told Catholic News Service prior to a presentation at NASA/Library of Congress Sept. 18-19. Brother Consolmagno discusses the topic in a new book, “Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial? ... and Other Strange Questions From the Inbox at the Vatican Observatory.”

Brazil **SAO PAULO**

Presidential debate highlights country’s issues

Brazil’s bishops hosted a debate Sept. 16 with eight presidential candidates because, as Cardinal Raymundo Damasceno Assis of Aparecida said, the “church cannot ignore politics.” This is the first time Aparecida, considered by many as Brazil’s faith capital, has hosted a presidential debate, and the second time Brazil’s bishops have hosted such an event. Bishops and Catholic media representatives asked the candidates questions about major issues for the Brazilian people. The debate precedes the Oct. 5 general elections.

Quote

“It’s been a great, wonderful, challenging, terrible journey, because God wants the absolute best of us.”

—Grant Desme, now known as Frater Matthew, former California baseball player who left the sport to pursue a vocation as a Catholic priest



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September 2014

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To bring this Road Map to life, I approved an ambitious \$30 million capital and endowment campaign to help meet the short and long-term needs identified in the Road Map. Due to the wonderful efforts of our pastoral leaders and many of you, the campaign generated more than \$52 million in pledges. Currently, the **With Grateful Hearts (WGH)** campaign office has received over \$34 million, most of which has been invested and/or allocated to help fund diocesan-wide ministries, special programs and individual parish projects. Mahalo for your sacrifices and support!

Although pledge redemption will continue for some well into 2015, I want to take this opportunity to report on our progress so far, and to thank you for your generous stewardship of treasure in support of our Catholic mission – both at the parish level and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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- Created a fund to support a sustainable seminarian training program. Fund now exceeds \$2.8 million due to investment gains.

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- Implemented training programs for parish and diocesan administrators
- Standardized parish and school financial systems.
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- Funded programs for priest convocations and stewardship resources.
- Sponsored collaborative programs between the Hawaii Catholic Schools office and Chaminade University.

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- Invested in the retirement plan for diocesan priests – assisting all who have given our church a lifetime of devotion and service.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: \$1.6 MILLION

- Established new office to coordinate diocesan-wide training.
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- Funded a comprehensive study of the current management and use of land and properties owned by the Catholic Church in Hawaii – including diocesan, parish and school facilities.
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SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 17
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6:00 – 7:30 pm Evening Breakout Sessions
Saturday, October 18
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10:00 – 10:30 am Break
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Friday, October 17, 2014

6:00 to 7:30 pm

1-01 Misunderstandings and Truths: Ministering on the Topic of Homosexuality
Fr. Roland Bunda and Jeff Vierra
This workshop provides participants with an introduction and overview of the Church's teaching on homosexuality and brings clarity to misconceptions on the topic. Participants will also be presented with some practical, pastoral approaches to this topic in their ministry.

1-02 Collaboration in Ministry: Even the Lone Ranger Had Tonto!
Timothy Mullner
Life and ministry are meant to be shared. Let's reflect on building healthy teams of volunteers and how to collaborate effectively as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus!

1-03 Getting More Out of Mass
Deacon Modesto Cordero
Get more meaning out of our Sacred Liturgy by "walking through" the Mass from beginning to end. Deepen your appreciation of the many things that are part of our most sacred form of worship, including the Homily.
Catechists earn credit for CC III

1-04 Developing Unity and Closeness in Our Marriages and Family Life - To Be The Light And Sign of Hope In Our World. *Deacon Ron and Eunice Paglinawan*
In this busy, distracted world, we can still nurture and maintain passion, joy and excitement in our marriage! Join us as we also discuss how to make God a significant person in marriage and family to help us to develop closeness and unity in our marriages and family life.

Saturday, October 18, 2014

8:30 to 10:00 am

2-01 Introduction to Scripture *Gerry Pellegrini*
This course provides a guide for the participants on how to effectively approach the reading of the Bible, both Old and New Testament. It will also be particularly useful to Catechists and others who want to understand some of the basic differences between Catholics and Protestants regarding the interpretation of the Scriptures.
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2-02 Malama I Ka Makana: Cherish the Gift
Mark Clark and Sam Knepper
Take a practical look at how we can all be good stewards of God's gifts while still taking care of our personal and communal responsibilities. See what the diocese has planned to support stewardship and learn more about the patron saints of this way of life.

2-03 Developing Unity and Closeness in Our Marriages and Family Life - To Be The Light And Sign of Hope In Our World. *Deacon Ron and Eunice Paglinawan*
In this busy, distracted world, we can still nurture and maintain passion, joy and excitement in our marriage! Join us as we also discuss how to make God a significant person in marriage and family to help us to develop closeness and unity in our marriages and family life.

2-04 Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change *Timothy Mullner*
We live on our faith in a world of constant change. What are the stages of transition and how will we negotiate these "turns in the road" as we listen to the Holy Spirit?

Saturday, October 18, 2014

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

3-01 Succeeding as a Catechist and Methods of Catechesis *Michael Cruz*
An explanation of the many roles and tasks of catechists. Hands-on approaches that introduce the catechist to the uniqueness of the learner, and propose age appropriate ideas for lesson planning and the use of the catechist manual. Diocesan curriculum guidelines will also be discussed.
Catechists earn credit for CC 104

3-02 At the Crossroads: Balancing Faith and Politics
Eva Andrade
What is church teaching on when and how our faith should intersect with politics? How are we to deal with "separation of church and state"? This session will offer specific guidelines that will inspire rather than "guilt" you!

3-03 The Jesuit Approach to Most Anything
Kristina DeNeve, PhD.
The Society of Jesus is the largest religious order in the world, including Pope Francis among its members. Join us for a primer on the spirituality of the Jesuits, a spirituality that has influenced countless saints, our current pope, and thousands of Catholics today.

3-04 Getting More Out of Paul's Letters
Gerry Pellegrini
Most of us are familiar with the Apostle Paul from the Second Reading proclaimed during most Sunday Masses. Yet, how many of us feel we really understand most of these passages? Join us to learn about Paul's environment and the context in which he wrote, along with important tips on how to read, understand, and appreciate, both the letters and the author.

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Msgr. Owen F. Campion
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

No one is beyond God's love

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

The Book of Ezekiel provides this weekend's first reading. Pivotal in Jewish history was the time spent by Hebrew captives and their descendants in Babylon, the capital of the then powerful Babylonian Empire. This empire had overtaken the Promised Land militarily, in the process forever ending the two Hebrew independent kingdoms. Many survivors were taken to Babylon.

Occurring in the sixth century BC, it simply is called the Exile. For the Hebrew people, the Exile was a heartbreaking time. They were so far from their homeland. The Exile seemed as if it would last forever. Indeed, it lasted for four generations. Quite likely many Jews fell away from the traditional religion of their ancestors.

These people were like people in any other time. For many, religion seemed to have failed them, at least as a guarantee of security.

Ezekiel wrote during this time. He had to respond to the people's despair. But the prophet turns the tables. He confronts the people with their own sinfulness. Where is their devotion to God? How faithful have they been in being God's people? No one realistically could have argued that there had been no sin. Who deserted whom?

In many first century AD Roman empire communities, persons of many religious traditions lived side-by-side.

Quite likely, such was the case in Philippi. Jewish symbols and references appear in the Epistle, but in no sense was the city Jewish but thoroughly pagan, an important military base in the Roman Empire, situated in what now is Greece.

Considering that Christians were in the minority, the Epistle had to reinforce their commitment to the Lord and challenge them to withstand paganism.

This epistle magnificently and eloquently proclaims Christ, the Lord, as the Savior. This weekend's reading is an example. Scholars think that this passage in fact was an ancient hymn, sung by early Christians when they met for worship.

St. Matthew's Gospel, the third reading, recalls an encounter between Jesus and priests and elders. Religion was a favorite topic for everyone at the time, so priests and lay persons alike would have been intrigued by Jesus.

God is the father in this parable. The vineyard represents the people of Israel, God's own, God's chosen, borrowing a well-known image from the prophets.

Scholars suggest several possibilities regarding the two sons, but one suggestion is that the first son represents Israel, the next son represents gentiles and sinners. This last son, not the heir, is true to God.

The story glorifies the breadth of God's love and the potential for human repentance.

While culture and environment significantly may affect religious practice, few people today think that genetic heredity and ethnicity, strictly speaking, limit or expand God's love or the human ability to approach God. Many, however, are angry with God, as were Ezekiel's contemporaries, or they think that their sins have made them moral outcasts. No one is beyond God's love. Every sinner can repent.

Reflection

The readings this weekend very much are in the stream of readings heard during the weekends of late summer and now early fall. The church is calling us to discipleship. We all hear this call realizing that we are sinners. Our sin shames us, convincing us that we are strangers in God's kingdom. We feel overwhelmed by our sins, or we are furious with God for this or that reason.

Everyone may repent. We first must recognize that our voluntary sinfulness has crippled us, maybe set us on a course toward ruin. Then, humbly, we must ask for forgiveness. If we are as contrite as the second son in Matthew's story, as wholehearted in our love for Jesus as is shown in the hymn in Philippians, then God will forgive us and welcome us to everlasting life.

Catechesis



Father Kenneth Doyle
QUESTION CORNER

Why won't the church ordain women?

Q As a practicing Catholic, what should be my answer when my Protestant friends ask me why my church does not ordain women to the priesthood? (City of origin withheld)

A Catholics believe that the ordained ministry has its origin in Christ's choice of the Twelve Apostles. Why Jesus selected only males for this sacramental and teaching ministry, no one can say with certainty, but the church feels bound by the decision of its founder and by its earliest and consistent tradition.

There were proponents of female priests in the first four centuries of the church's history, but always the response from church leaders was the same: that's not our call to make, not our prerogative; the action of Jesus is normative.

Even Eastern Orthodox churches, which split with Catholics on several theological issues, never questioned that the priesthood was reserved to males.

Some would argue that if Jesus were alive today when society has a greater appreciation of women's dignity and gifts, he would have picked some women among his apostles.

But that forgets the fact that the historical Jesus had no problem being controversially countercultural: he chose Matthew — scorned by society as a tax collector — and welcomed several women, including Mary Magdalene, as close companions and friends.

So the church's teaching has nothing to do with gender equality and everything to do with Jesus and the history of the church. St. John Paul II in a 1994 apostolic letter explained that since even the Virgin Mary was not given the ministry and mission proper to the apostles, the decision by Jesus was surely not a statement on the relative dignity and holiness of the sexes.

Pope Francis, in his 2013 exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium," even

while reaffirming the teaching on a male-only priesthood, added a critical nuance. He said that decision-making should not be linked to ordination and urged that women be given a greater voice in church deliberations.

Where has all the reverence gone?

Q Within the past year, I have seen a tremendous amount of talking and socializing while people are seated in church awaiting the priest's arrival for Mass. Parents are even conversing with their children during the priest's homily.

In the Communion line, individuals stop to shake the hand of someone they know and chat while the Eucharist is being distributed. One man, arriving in church and walking up the aisle to find a pew, was talking on his cell phone as if he were out on the street. What kind of example does this set for the young people in attendance?

Some devout parishioners arrive before Mass to pray, but with all the distractions I would think prayer to be almost impossible. Maybe if the priest made an appeal to those attending to respect the house of God, it might sink in. So far, the only thing that has ever been said from the altar (by the commentator) is, "We ask you to silence your cell-phones."

Thank you for addressing this total lack of reverence. (Houma, Louisiana)

A The real "villain" in your story is the man on the cell phone: That is not only irreverent, it is downright rude. Nearly three years ago in this column, I addressed the importance of quiet before Mass in

answer to a similar question from a different reader, but perhaps we all need a reminder.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal in No. 45 express it this way: "Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner."

Certainly the goal of a parish is to create a community of faith, so it is natural and good for people to greet each other and "catch up a bit" when they meet at church. For that reason, newer churches are often constructed with a larger "lobby" so that folks can chat when they first arrive and then be quiet once they enter the church proper.

In the parish where I serve, our church was built in the late 1990s, at a time when we were being encouraged to create a separate chapel for the Blessed Sacrament (as a sign of special reverence and as a more intimate space where parishioners could stop for daily visits).

The downside, though, when the Eucharist is not reserved in the church proper, parishioners may regard the larger space as an "auditorium" and converse at sidewalk decibels.

So just before Mass is to begin, I announce something like this: "We are gathered this morning to share our faith in the risen Lord and to thank God for the blessings in our lives. Let's take a moment now to quiet our hearts and to place ourselves consciously in the presence of God."

Then we have 20 or 30 seconds of complete silence before the procession to the altar begins.

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

Beatitudes

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



U.S. Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, N.Y., prays after Mass in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher Sept. 11. Bishop Malone was one of 18 bishops on a nine-day prayer pilgrimage for peace in the Holy Land

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Father Ron
Rolheiser

Timidity in the face of God's abundance

My youth had both its strengths and its weaknesses. I grew up on a farm in the heart of the Canadian prairie, a second-generation immigrant. Our family was a large one and the small farm we lived on gave us enough to live on, though just enough. There were never any extras.

We were never hungry or genuinely poor, but we lived a necessary frugality. You were given what you needed, but rarely anything extra. You got just one portion of the main course at a meal and one dessert because these had to be measured out in a way that left enough for everyone. And I lived happily, taking for granted that this was the way life was meant to be, assuming that all resources are limited and you shouldn't ever be asking for or taking more than what's necessary.

Such a background has its strengths. You grow into adulthood with the sense that there's no free lunch, you need to earn what you eat. You know too that you shouldn't be taking more than your share because the goods of this world are limited and meant to be shared with everyone. Resources are limited, so if anyone gets too much, someone gets too little.

But such an upbringing also has its downside. When everything has to be measured out to ensure that there's enough for everyone, and you live with the underlying fear that there might not be enough, you can easily end up with a sense of scarcity rather than of abundance and an inclination toward stinginess rather than generosity.

A mindset of scarcity rather than of abundance debilitates us in several ways. First, it tends to leave us standing before life's abundance too timid to celebrate life with any exuberance. Life is too equated with frugality and you are forever

haunted by guilt in the face of life's goodness and especially before any experience of luxury, not unlike the discomfort felt by Jesus' disciples when they are face-to-face with a prodigal woman lavishly anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume.

Inside a mindset of scarcity there's the perennial temptation to falsely idealize suffering and poverty and have them replace grace and abundance as God's real gift to us. More crippling still is the fact that a sense of scarcity too often gives us a concept of a God who is limited and who is frugal rather than prodigal. But that isn't the God of Jesus.

Allow me just one, rather pointed, illustration. A seminary professor whom I know shares this story. He's been teaching seminarians for many years and in recent years, when teaching about the sacrament of penance, is frequently asked this question, often as the first question in the class: "When can I refuse absolution? When do I not grant forgiveness?" The anxiety expressed here is not, I believe, triggered by a need for power but by a very sincere fear that we have to be rather scrupulous in handing out God's mercy, that we shouldn't be handing out cheap grace. And, undergirding that fear, I believe, is the unconscious notion that God too works out of a sense of scarcity rather than of abundance, and that God's mercies, like our own resources, are limited and need to be measured out very sparingly.

But that's not the God whom

Jesus incarnated and revealed. The Gospels rather reveal a God who is prodigal beyond all our standards and beyond our imagination. The God of the Gospels is the Sower who, because he has unlimited seeds, scatters those seeds everywhere without discrimination: on the road, in the ditches, in the thorn bushes, in bad soil and in good soil. Moreover that prodigal Sower is also the God of creation, that is, the God who has created and continues to create hundreds of billions of galaxies and billions and billions of human beings. And this prodigal God gives us this perennial invitation: Come to the waters, come without money, come without merit because God's gift is as plentiful, available and as free as the air we breathe.

The Gospel of Luke recounts an incident where Peter, just after he had spent an entire night fishing and had caught nothing, is told to cast out his net one more time. This time, Peter hauls in so many fish that the weight of the catch threatens to sink two boats. Peter reacts by falling on his knees and confessing his sinfulness. But, as the text makes clear, that's not the proper reaction in the face of over-abundance. Peter is wrongly fearful, in effect, wanting that over-abundance to go away; when what Jesus wants from him in the face of that over-abundance is to go out to the world and share with others that unimaginable grace.

What God's over-abundance is meant to teach us is that, in the face of limitless grace, we may never refuse anyone absolution.

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Father John
Catoir

Looking for God within

"Abide in me, as I also abide in you. A branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine. Neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4).

This quote launched me on my journey toward the priesthood. I wanted my life to honor God and bear rich and abundant good fruit.

After 53 years as a priest, I know the Lord was with me every step of the way. However, on the emotional level, I never had the consolation of feeling his presence, the way you would if someone was holding your hand.

I trusted his promise; namely that, that together we would bear good fruit, but I never understood what bearing good fruit actually meant. Having used the media as best I could, I knew I was bringing God's word to a vast audience, but I never really understood whether it was really spiritually fruitful. I could only hope that with God's help, it was.

Why am I telling you this? Because this is the fifth draft of a difficult article, which began as an attempt to explain how God abides in us. I was writing a lot of theory but not owning up to how confusing it is on the personal level.

When all is said and done, I have to admit that over the years I longed to have a feeling of intimacy with God, but it never happened, except once perhaps when I was in the Army. One evening at prayer, I felt lifted out of my body. It moved me deeply, but it never happened again.

Otherwise, I've spent countless hours talking to God as though we were on opposite sides of a gigantic wall. I knew he was there but only by faith. Often the Holy Spirit would give me an idea for an entire column, but an idea is not God himself. I had to depend on faith-knowledge to know that God is love, but that was never enough.

Once you invite God into your heart, he will always be there, abiding within you, but alas, it will not be as comforting as you might like.

I wanted to write this article to help you understand that once you invite God into your heart, he will always be there, abiding within you, but alas, it will not be as comforting as you might like.

I had to fight my doubts by falling back on the mental health principle: "Feelings are not facts." Even if you feel alone, you are never alone. Even if you feel unworthy, God's forgiveness makes you eminently worthy.

I would take Scripture quotes and repeat them over and over to reassure myself that my spiritual calling was true — an objective fact — and not merely a fantasy of my imagination.

I always knew what I wanted — to be close to God — which was

a grace in itself, but I needed Scripture quotes to help me stay on track: "For where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Mt 6:21). I knew my treasure was God himself. I knew I wasn't a self-absorbed egotist, blind to God's invitation. I accepted his invitation to abide in him as best I could. This empowered me to move away from self-absorption to a life of loving service.

Sept. 8, 2014, was my 83rd birthday, and looking back, I am happy to say that I know I made the right choice. Why is God silent? He has his reasons; he knows exactly what he is doing.

Albert Einstein put it this way, "God doesn't play dice." Woody Allen smirked in reply, "Yes, but he does play hide and seek."

So be it.



Myfaith



Kathleen T. Choi
IN LITTLE WAYS

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)

Oh no, I overslept! No time for anything formal, Lord. Thanks for a new day. Help me to serve you today. I especially ask for the gift of gratitude. Thank you for listening to my prayers. Gotta go ...

I can't believe this traffic. Doesn't anyone else carpool? I'm grateful that it's Lee's turn to drive. I can quiet down inside before I get to work ...

Reading the paper, Lord, it's hard for me to find reasons for gratitude. Still, the latest cease fire is holding. If we choose, we can vote our most disappointing representatives out of office. We're more aware of environmental issues than when I was a kid. I know you didn't do this, but I'm also happy the Warriors won ...

Thanks for no auto accidents, no coffee spills and arriving on time. Bless my work day, Lord ...

Thank you for Marion. She's maddening to work with, but you said to give thanks in everything. Thank you that I didn't say what I was thinking to her ...

Thank you, Lord, for coffee breaks. I need to stretch my legs and check in with you briefly. I can't go from 9 to 5 on just morning prayer. Thanks for listening to short prayers as well as long ones ...

Thanks for lunch and for the medication that enables me to have a cheeseburger and fries once in a while ...

I can't believe I blew up like that! What's the matter with me? I apologized to the others. Now I apologize to you, Lord. Help me control my temper. Thank you for loving me even when I'm being a jerk ...

Okay, I'm out of here. Thank you, Lord, that I've got a job, even on a day like this. Please bless the things I did right and forgive the things I did wrong ...

Thanks again, Lord, that I'm not driving. It gives me a chance to let go of this lousy day so I don't take it out on my family. Thank you that no one in this car is a big talker. I'm going to lean back, close my eyes and say a rosary. If my mind wanders, poke me ...

Finally, home. Lord, thank you for my noisy, messy kids, even the teenager who never wants to hug me anymore. They're healthy, and they have good hearts. I know you love them more than I do, but I'm asking anyway. Keep them safe; keep them close to you ...

Thank you, Lord, for coffee breaks. I need to stretch my legs and check in with you briefly.

Thank you for good food, and have mercy on those who are hungry. Thank you for my family, and have mercy on those who are alone. Help me to remember to be grateful day and night ...

God our Father, help me be a good parent. I know my kids have probably visited websites we disapprove of when they're at their friends' houses. Still, I feel I need to hold the line here at home. If I'm wrong, let me know. Meanwhile, thanks

for keeping me relatively calm when I'm enforcing the rules ...

Oh Lord, I'm tired. I shouldn't have stayed up for the late news. It'll be in the paper tomorrow morning. Please help me get a good night's sleep. Thank you for the warm body lying next to me. Thank you for my day and my loved ones. I love you. Goodnight.

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)

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Sister Rosemarie Montoya, Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet
VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

Sharing gifts and talents



Interviewed by Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
Hawaii Catholic Herald

I have a passion for teaching our Catholic faith. In many of our homes and in some families, that isn't always a priority. So I appreciate it when I get to spend time with the school children in class and they get excited about something that we are doing. Whether it be going through a PowerPoint presentation on the saints, or a skit that they are presenting to the rest of the class, there are many creative ways the students are engaged in to learn about and share the faith.

At one time, there used to be about a dozen Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet teaching at St. Anthony School in Kailua. Little by little, like in most communities today, the numbers began to diminish. Some religious went back to the Mainland to their home provinces, others retired. I am now the only sister of the Hawaii vice-province left at the school. As a middle school educator, I teach religion throughout the entire middle school. This includes the planning for all the Masses K-8 and special occasion prayer services.

One other aspect of our educational system that is really important is the requirement for students to perform service hours. It is really important that the kids learn to share their gifts and talents without expecting anything in return, any repayment or a fee. They get excited as they are given the opportunity to choose whatever service project they want to be involved in. They have to do something for the school and the community and large. This includes having them think of

creation, the needy, the poor and their families as well. They learn that everyone has different gifts and talents. And to be willing to share them is important.

Some of the students have chosen to go to Shriner's Hospital to visit with the children receiving treatment there. Others are involved in programs in which they accompany those with physical challenges such as Down syndrome. In the area of doing something for creation, the environment, there are those who regularly help with cleaning Kawainui Marsh. We have those who love to sing. So under Kepa Stern, our talented musician's encouragement, those who love to sing have become a choir that voluntarily sings at church on the weekends. A children's choir is something that we didn't have before.

There is life here at this school, and that keeps my spirit going. I find it interesting to watch that life grow. For example, because I attend Mass before school begins, I get to school really early. I like to observe how one-by-one parents drop off their kids in those wee hours sometimes before dawn. Gradually as the number of little ones waiting in the office multiplies, the sleepy silence is broken as the volume of their voices increases and the whole campus comes to life. They are happy to be here, to learn and to play. The kids feel they are a part of this small in number, but great in heart, community.

Sister Rosemarie Montoya is a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet who has been professed 33 years. She resides at St. Joseph by-the-Sea Community in Kailua.



Father Eugene Hemrick
THE HUMAN SIDE

A changed church

The lyrics of Mary Hopkin's hit song — "Those were the days, my friend, we thought they'd would end" — remind me of my priesthood, a lifestyle I thought would never end, but it did!

What happened?

Decades ago, many priests spoke English, and their parents still spoke their native language. Even though they and their parents held on to their culture, most became enculturated into an America way of life.

Today, many parents of our international priests remain in their native country and English is not the first language of their sons, nor have some priests successfully enculturated into our culture.

In the 1980s, bishops praised the enrichment that new cultures bring to our church. Today, they are voicing concern over international priests having difficulty in becoming an integral part of their parishes.

A second area of change is priests being ordained and then just a

few years later becoming pastors of multiple parishes. Not long ago, rectories contained several priests and their ministry revolved solely around the parish. Today's priest is more likely to be a circuit rider rather than living the model of stability in which his community is one parish and its parishioners.

A third area of concern is the ordination of older men, whereas in decades past, the average age of priests was 25. It is true that older men are often more conversant with worldly matters, which is an asset in communicating with parishioners. On the other hand, they create an older priesthood. With age comes wisdom, but it often shortens one's energy level and can cause inflexibility.

A fourth concern is a growing shortage of priests. This is causing some dioceses to ask retired priests to come out of retirement and fill in where needed. In some cases, this is causing the closing of parishes.

Although today's priesthood isn't the same as before, there's no reason for alarm about an era ending in which the priesthood was larger, more homogeneous and younger. There is the motto: "In unity there is strength."

If we take a closer look at our church and go beyond its priesthood solely, we find an exciting unity giving it renewed strength. A new corps of deacons has joined our priests, as have well-educated lay ecclesial ministers.

Women now have positions in diocesan centers that once were held by priests, giving diocesan life a greater balance. And wherever we look, we find lay volunteers who are the backbone of the parish.

We truly live in a new era in which we can sing, "These are the days of new, I hope they never end."

Saints

Therese Couderc
1805 - 1885
Sept. 26



Born to a French farm family, Marie-Victoire Couderc joined a new religious teaching order, but was sent to manage a mountain hostel for women pilgrims at the shrine of St. John Francis Regis. It became a successful retreat house under her guidance, and the order split into a teaching ministry, the Sisters of St. Regis, and a retreat ministry, the Congregation of Our Lady of the Cenacle. Mother Therese was superior of the Cenacle sisters until 1838, when Jesuit advisers began replacing her with a succession of wealthy women. She lived out her days as an ordinary nun, suffering deafness and painful arthritis at the end. She wrote that "the surrendered soul has found paradise on earth," and was canonized in 1970. © CNS

Schwadron



I don't trust any anchorman over 30.

Diversions



Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

Happy autumn, Heraldians! It's almost time for cooler climes. October is the month of the Holy Rosary and other festive feast days. Let's see how well you fare with my quiz of timely Catholic trivia tidbits.

1) Saints

Which disease did St. Therese of Lisieux, whose feast day is Oct. 1, die of in 1897?

- a) Smallpox
- b) Tuberculosis
- c) Polio
- d) Cholera

2) Scripture

In Luke 1:37, who says the famous line, "For nothing will be impossible with God"?

- a) Gabriel the angel
- b) Mary
- c) Elizabeth
- d) Jesus

3) Popes

On Oct. 7, 1571, which pope asked all of Europe to pray the rosary to aid Christian forces during the Battle of Lepanto?

- a) Pope Pius IV
- b) Pope Pius V
- c) Pope Pius VI
- d) Pope Pius VII

4) Literature

Who wrote the classic 18th century book, "The Glories of Mary"?

- a) St. Robert Bellarmine
- b) Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection
- c) St. Alphonsus Ligouri
- d) Pope Benedict XIII

5) Picture

Which archangel, often depicted battling against the devil, is shown in the artwork here? (Hint: He shares a Sept. 29

feast day with two other archangels)

- a) Barachiel
- b) Raphael
- c) Gabriel
- d) Michael



6) Church in Hawaii

Which island has a parish named for the Holy Rosary?

- a) Maui
- b) Kauai
- c) Oahu
- d) Molokai

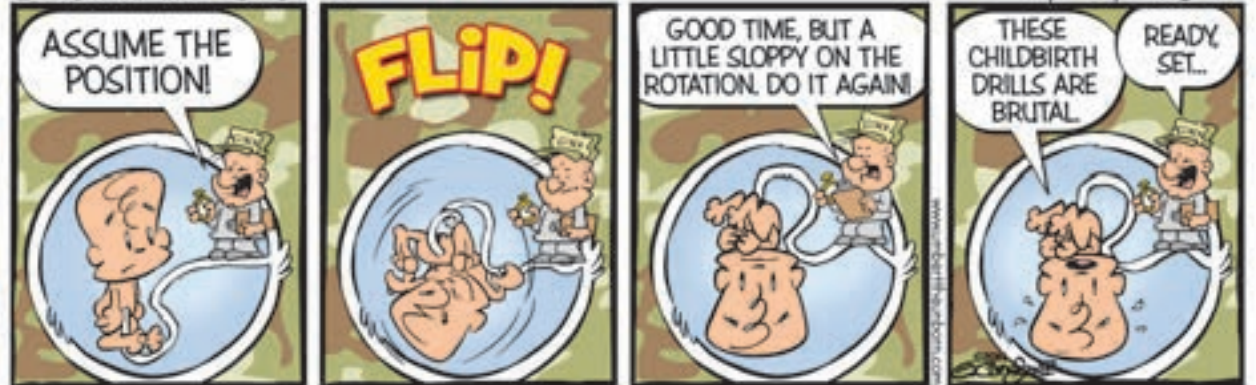
7) Definitions

What term refers to the washing of a priest's thumbs and index fingers during the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

- a) Ablution
- b) Absolution
- c) Anamnesis
- d) Anaphora

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

Umbert the Unborn



Scripture search

PAT KASTEN

Gospel for September 28, 2014

Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Matthew 21:28-32

Following is a word search based on the First and Gospel readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| SHALL NOT DIE | A MAN | TWO SONS |
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| JOHN CAME | THE WAY | PROSTITUTES |
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Catholic crossword

ACROSS

- 1 AKA Paul
- 5 Top monk
- 10 Do an usher's job
- 14 "___ time..."
- 15 Water holes
- 16 Redemptorist community (abbr.)
- 17 960, to Nero
- 18 Battery terminal
- 19 Assess
- 20 "Norma ___"
- 21 Ship's company
- 22 St. ___ Bertrand
- 23 Made possible
- 25 NT epistle
- 27 Avian migration form
- 28 David or Saul, for example
- 33 Bundle
- 35 Sheet music detail
- 36 Tool of trade for Peter and Andrew
- 37 Confined
- 38 Inventory
- 39 From a distance
- 40 Malt beverage
- 41 Biblical food
- 42 Trap
- 43 Secondary occupations
- 45 Symbol of Confirmation
- 46 Notre ___
- 47 Australia's first

Answer to previous puzzle



DOWN

- 8 Catholic prime minister
- 9 Theme
- 54 "...and there was no man to ___ the ground"(Gen 2:5)
- 55 Serpent's tail?
- 56 Thick slice
- 57 Warm-water mackerel
- 59 Showing unusual talent
- 60 Respiratory organ of fish
- 61 Golf clubs
- 62 Musher's carrier
- 63 Part
- 64 Curt
- 65 Like Spot and Puff

DOWN

- 1 First word in the name of Parisian basilica
- 2 Hindu principle of life
- 3 Bread of the Passover
- 4 Brine-cured salmon
- 5 Alert
- 6 The first electric motor was made by a monk of this order
- 7 Sudden



- misfortune
- 8 ___ Testament
- 9 Literary monogram
- 10 Meal for Ezekiel?
- 11 Biblical twin
- 12 ___ Spumanti
- 13 Very, in Versailles
- 21 Musical staff sign
- 22 Told an untruth
- 24 "They shall ___ their swords into plowshares..." (Isa 2:4)
- 25 Solemn marches on certain feast days
- 26 What you should do when the herald angels sing
- 29 Jostle
- 30 What an ex cathedra statement is
- 31 Rip
- 32 Raison d'___
- 33 Vacation sites
- 34 Father of Joseph (Lk 3:23)
- 38 Slender
- 39 West Indian tree
- 41 Nordic Saint
- 42 It is immortal
- 44 Fit to be eaten
- 48 Shut
- 49 Bay
- 50 Of necessity
- 51 Title for a priest (abbr.)
- 52 Medley
- 53 Lofty
- 54 Norse god of thunder
- 57 Intelligence
- 58 ___ you crazy?
- 59 Bane of Cleopatra

Hitting the road to promote voting

DES MOINES, Iowa — “We the people, we the voters” is the theme of the third “Nuns on the Bus” tour, which kicked off Sept. 17 in Des Moines with Vice President Joe Biden thanking the sisters for their effort.

The sisters began a 10-state tour promoting voter registration and participation in the political process.

“With the vice president, we share faith and a commitment to democracy,” said Sister Simone Campbell, a Sister of Social Service and the executive director of Network, a nonprofit Catholic social justice lobby.

The “Nuns on the Bus” tour began two years ago in an effort to discuss the ramifications of a budget proposal of U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., which they said would have hurt social service programs that help the poor. This year’s focus is on voter registration. (Catholic News Service)

Opening eyes to other Catholics

PITTSBURGH — An all-night vigil Sept. 13-14 at a Byzantine Catholic church in Pittsburgh provided an opportunity for people of faith to participate in the prayers of the various Catholic churches that are “essential facets” of the culturally, ethnically and religiously diverse city of Pittsburgh.

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church hosted “Crossing the Universe: The Faces of Catholicism,” which commemorated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

“Crossing the Universe” was a first for the Pittsburgh region and offered an opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the collective family of the Catholic Church.

There are 22 Eastern Catholic churches that have their origins in Eastern Europe, Asia or Africa, and they trace their roots to five ritual families or groups, including Byzantine. Each Eastern church is in union with Rome and enjoys the same dignity, rights and obligations as the Latin tradition in the Roman Catholic Church. (CNS)

Tackling teens’ temptation to drink

ARLINGTON, Va. — Even though they might be taller than you and often assert their independence, college students look to parents for guidance on big decisions.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, parents who talk about the negative consequences of alcohol with their college-age kids can prevent some underage drinking.

Jonathan Dixon — a marriage and family therapist at Alpha and Omega Clinic, which integrates psychology with the Catholic faith — offered suggestions on how to speak effectively with college students:

- Be honest. Parents should “be vulnerable” and share their concerns.
- Be open. Parents should ask their children about their worries and fears and be open to hearing them.
- Be practical. Navigating drinking is a normal thing teenagers go through.
- Be a source of wisdom. (CNS)

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Eggs, voiced by Isaac Hempstead Wright, appears with other animated characters in the movie “The Boxtrolls.”

Movie review | The Boxtrolls

A charmingly bizarre urban fable of gouda and evil

By **Joseph McAleer**
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK

If Charles Dickens collaborated with Dr. Seuss, he might have produced “The Boxtrolls” (Focus), a charmingly bizarre urban fable about rich and poor and things that go bump in the night.

This 3-D adventure, featuring impressive stop-motion animation, is based on the 2005 children’s book “Here Be Monsters!” by Alan Snow.

The setting is Victorian England and the quaint village of Cheesebridge, marketed as “A Gouda Place to Live.” Yes, the residents are obsessed with dairy products, and the mayor, Lord Portley-Rind (voice of Jared Harris), rules the roost from a mansion on Curds Way (get it?).

His plucky daughter, Winnie (voice of Elle Fanning),

longs for attention, but her father only has eyes for brie and camembert. Her world is turned upside down when she discovers “monsters” roaming the streets at night.

These are the Boxtrolls, aptly named as they are short of stature and wear recycled cardboard boxes (which double as hiding places). Scavengers by nature, they scour the garbage heaps for junk which they transform into magical inventions in their underground world.

Fearing for his cheese, Lord Portley-Rind accepts an offer from the wicked Archibald Snatcher (voice of Ben Kingsley) to root out and eliminate the Boxtrolls. In exchange, Snatcher will be elevated to the ruling class, and obtain a seat at the hallowed cheese-tasting table.

To underscore Snatcher’s evil nature, he sidelines as

the drag queen Madame Frou Frou in a desperate attempt to mingle with high society.

Moreover, Snatcher’s assistants, Mr. Trout (voice of Nick Frost) and Mr. Pickles (voice of Richard Ayoade), offer a running commentary, questioning their boss’ motives and reminding the audience of the difference between good and evil.

The Boxtrolls have a bad rap, because once they allegedly stole a baby along with the garbage. Lovingly raised underground, the boy, named Eggs (voice of Isaac Hempstead Wright) after his box outfit, is now 11 and curious about the “upper” world.

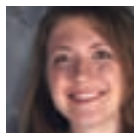
Eggs bumps into Winnie, and she discovers that Boxtrolls are benevolent creatures who value family and loyalty. She joins forces with Eggs to expose Snatcher and the truth to her father and society. To

succeed, they must work together and, yes, think outside the box (which means, in part, brief Boxtroll rear “nudity”).

Directors Graham Annable and Anthony Stacchi set a manic pace suitable to the absurdity of the material, which is served well by stunning animation and a first-rate voice cast. But parents beware: the overall tone is darker and scarier, which may be unsuitable for younger viewers.

The film contains scary moments, brief rear “nudity”, and some bathroom humor. 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.

McAleer is a guest reviewer for Catholic News Service.



Karen Osborne
COMING OF AGE

Go offline (and connect to real life)

Yesterday, I left my cellphone on the kitchen table when I left the house. It felt as if the apocalypse happened. The first hour wasn’t so bad. It was bright and early in the morning, and I had coffee to drink and work to do.

The second hour was a little worse. I really wanted to check my email, and my texting thumb was getting twitchy. It was only the third hour away from my phone when I got a frantic email from a relative: Why wasn’t I answering the phone? Was everything all right?

By lunchtime, I felt like I was going crazy, divorced from the world, trapped in a cage, and bored to tears. So I went for a walk with an acquaintance instead.

Not far from my office is a lake populated by hundreds of swans of every kind. Black swans, white swans,

baby swans, even swans with spots and stripes. I sat on a bench and watched them swim and play, search for food, and chase the lunchtime joggers.

I saw the blue sky and listened to the birds in the trees. I watched tourists take pictures by the massive sculpture. I had a fantastic chat with my new friend and learned that we had a bunch of things in common. It was amazingly fun, and if I’d had my nose in my phone, I would have missed it all.

When I got home that day, I picked up my phone to check my messages. As expected, there were a million texts and emails wondering where I’d gone. But I didn’t feel relieved to finally be reunited with my little technological wonder — instead, I felt trapped.

What’s the point of mobile technol-

ogy if we use it to isolate ourselves rather than truly connect to others? What’s the point, if phones become an annoying obligation instead of a truly pleasant experience?

Texting is awesome, but it doesn’t beat actually hanging out with the people. Likewise, Instagram is really fun, but I think I’d rather be in the pictures taken in the first place rather than just flipping through them online.

My experience showed that, even though I have more connectivity to the world around me than ever before, I still feel lonely sometimes. That feels weird to acknowledge, especially when I can chat online with my besties in New York and North Carolina, and Skype across an entire ocean with my brother’s British fiancée.

It’s perfectly normal to feel that way. It’s just a reminder that we are

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gravely wounded. It respects me for who I am, allows me to appreciate beauty, and recognize the dignity in every person. This has involved a lot of wrestling with God. Many people think wrestling with God is a bad thing. False. You can only wrestle with someone who is close to you, so in a way wrestling with these attractions has drawn me closer to God. It is a cross, but with every cross the Lord is always right beside us.

Yes, I realize that I will not always get what I want. I can’t tell you about the hundreds of days I felt I just wanted someone to hold and be intimate with. Sometimes I look at happy couples and wonder if I am missing out! But, I understand that fulfillment goes much deeper than wanting someone around. I find fulfillment by being in relationship with the God who created me to be fulfilled by him, and in community.

The truth is, I love being Catholic.

The church loves me. It desires what is best for me, and sometimes this kind of love hurts, because it doesn’t always feel good. However in the long run it guides me to a much more fulfilling life and a more adventurous one. No, the church is not a bigoted institution that hates gays. Quite the opposite. I have never met as many loving and understanding people as I have in the Catholic Church. I am incredibly fortunate! I have many friends in the church that know about my struggle and are there to support and encourage me along the way. I have a choir of saints and angels who are constantly interceding for me, a mother in heaven that deeply loves me, and a God who bears his very self in the Eucharist each and everyday. If you ask me ... I’ve hit the jackpot.

Quote

"It's always a good idea to carry with us a small book of the Gospels to have in your pocket or bag, and, during the day, to read a verse. It's good for you."

| Pope Francis expounded on the universality of the Catholic Church during his general audience Sept. 17, noting the church's missionary roots. He urged young people to follow God's call and bring the Gospel to all parts of the earth. (Catholic News Service)

SAINTS UNDER 40**Eyes only for God**

NEWARK, N.J. — Although Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich was personally unassuming, the spiritual impact she had on

other Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth was so unmistakable that they began the effort to have her canonized soon after her May 8, 1927, death in Paterson.

Her cause will advance Oct. 4, when she will be declared Blessed Miriam Teresa at a beatification Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. She will be the first American to be beatified in the United States.

Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, will celebrate the Mass, joined by Newark Archbishop John J. Myers, Paterson Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli and Bishop Kurt Burnette, head of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic.

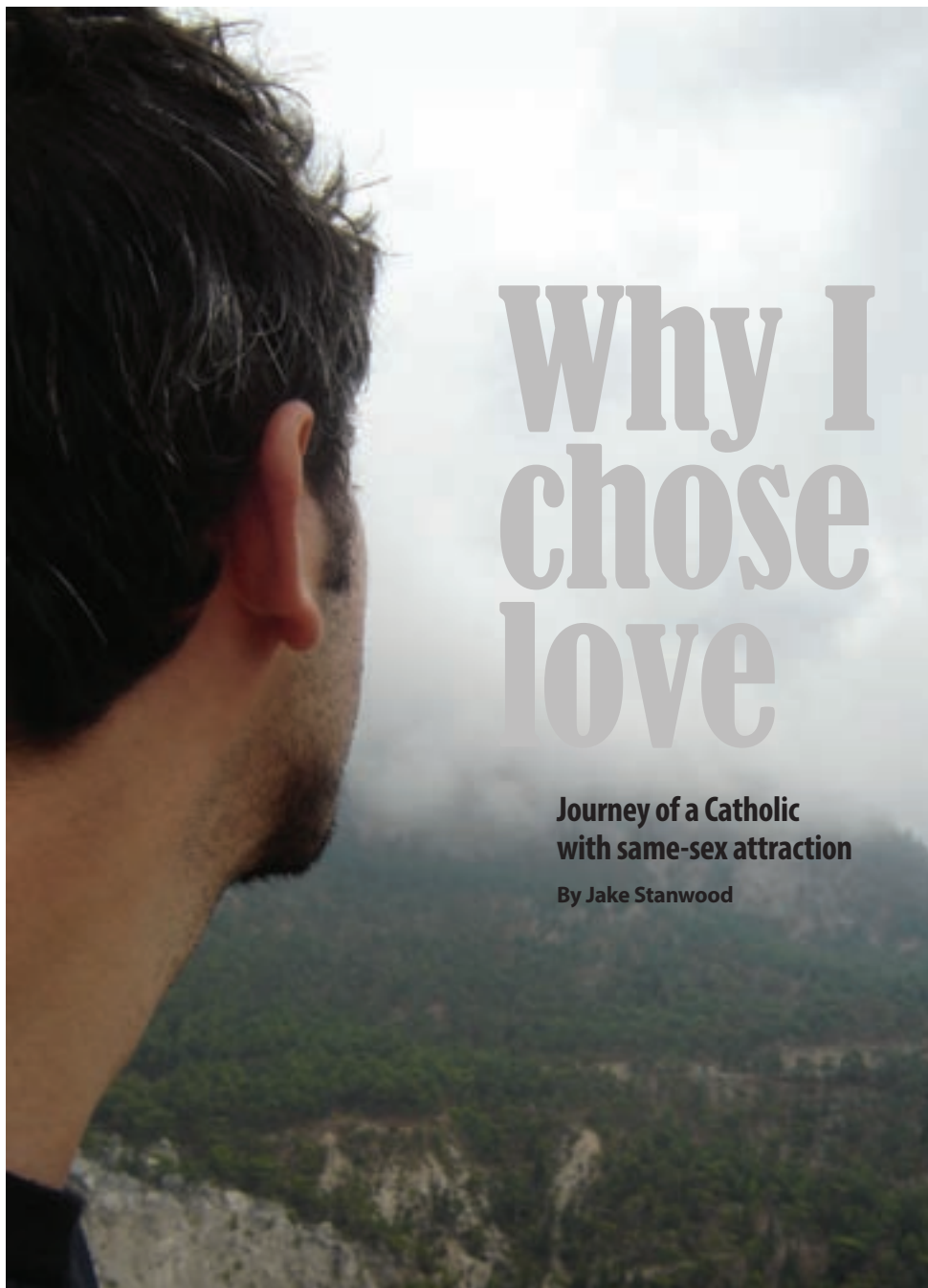
The church leaders represent local churches that all claim the daughter of Slovakian immigrants — she was born in Bayonne, baptized in the Eastern Catholic Church and educated at St. Elizabeth College in Morris Township.

Sister Miriam was known for her bad eyesight, and her intercession was invoked for Michael Mencer, a New Jersey boy who was going blind but experienced a complete cure in 1964.

Sister Miriam, who was said to be devout from a young age, delayed college to care for her mother, who died when Sister Miriam was 18.

The young woman eventually graduated from college in 1923 and sought to join a contemplative community, which rejected her due to her poor eyesight. Instead she began teaching with the Sisters of Charity, only to leave that task to care for her ill father. She entered the sisters' novitiate in 1925 after her father's death.

Sister Miriam herself died in 1927 from acute appendicitis — just after taking her vows as a fully professed sister. (CNS)



Why I chose love

Journey of a Catholic with same-sex attraction

By Jake Stanwood

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"WE LOVE YOU no matter what sexual orientation you choose to live out." These are the words of a father to me, his 15 year

old son, 10 years ago. Um ... Awkward? Up until that point my dad had never talked to me about sex, and the topic was never mentioned again. I remember every little detail about the conversation: The sweaty palms, cold freezing office space, and the awkwardness created by the long wooden desk separating us from talking like normal people. How did I respond? I said nothing. Absolutely nothing. I stared at him with

a blank face and ran back into my room crying and thinking about how the heck I ever got into this mess.

"Great ... even my parents think I'm gay" "That person at school thinks I'm gay too, maybe it's because of the way I talk." "Wait ... maybe I should change the way I talk? That will make me look manlier." "Crap, that person is totally staring at me and thinks I'm gay." These are just a few of the crazy thoughts

that constantly ruminated in my head. Talk about feeling paranoid. It always felt as if I was split in between two worlds. One side was telling me, "Just come out of the closet, hook up with someone, embrace the fact you're gay!" The other side, (far less appealing) said, "If anyone ever finds out, you're dead! Don't ever talk about this to anyone."

Praise God, he created a church that has given me a third option, that doesn't seem like it's going to drown me in lust or turn me into a stoic that's being internally destroyed by his desires. I have chosen the path to chastity. I have chosen the path toward authentic love and sexual self-control.

Is this easy? No.

The sexual temptations have always been there for me, and I suppose will always be. I am not afraid to admit that until the day I die I will probably always be attracted to men. However, I don't think this aspect of my cross has been the greatest struggle. The greatest struggle has been my interior life. Experiencing same sex attraction (SSA) and being Catholic is hard (well, being Catholic is hard). It is a unique/heavy cross to carry, and a very painful one. It comes with its share of anxiety, heartache, tears and boogers. Us folks, who have SSA, we struggle with a lot. Among those things are body image, father wounds, bouts of depression, feeling less masculine, and a lot of us aren't good at sports (which makes it harder for us to bond with other men). Growing up I always felt different and uncomfortable around other men, as if I was unworthy to even be called a man. However, I think it's especially difficult to carry out this chaste lifestyle in the midst of today's hyper sexual culture.

The culture today has become increasingly pro-gay. Just take a look at shows like Glee, Modern Family, or anything Lady Gaga ... this stuff didn't build up overnight. While this DOMA thing

was taking place my Facebook newsfeed exploded with red equal signs. The younger generation has become largely accepting of the gay community. I'm glad that people are starting to become less homophobic and are speaking against gay bullying. However, this doesn't mean that I'm for gay marriage or I think people should pursue same sex relationships.

It just doesn't fit human sexuality or natural law. Just because I have an inclination to do something doesn't mean that I should follow it. When we pursue sexuality outside of the way God designed for it to be we can find ourselves in messy situations. Hence the high promiscuity, infidelity and STD rates associated with the gay community. But of course the media will never portray it this way, living a gay lifestyle is portrayed as glamorous and fulfilling. I am not saying that every gay person is living a promiscuous life and is carrying an STD on them. I have many friends who identify as gay who are hard workers and are doing awesome things with their lives. However, I will not deny that amongst the "gay scene" multiple partners and infidelity rates are pretty high. Homosexuality has to be identified more with behavior, than with identity. That's how the gay movement has progressed so much they've turned it into its own culture. The minute we reduce ourselves to our sexual orientation, we lose sight of who we really are.

I've chosen to never engage in a sexual relationship with another guy and remain celibate, despite the fact there are times I feel the ache of this desire. This may seem like a total fail in the eyes of the world, but am I really missing out on much? Chastity gives me so much more. It gives me the ability to live out healthy and loving relationships with both men and women. It is giving me the opportunity to bring healing to areas of my masculinity that have been

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**LISA'S CATECHISM CORNER**

Church teaching explained to you

Mary's preminent place

YOUCAT*: *Mary is the Mother of God. She was united with Jesus on earth as no other human being was or could be — in an intimacy that does not cease in heaven. Mary is the Queen of Heaven, and in her motherhood she is quite close to us. [972]*

In 1964, Pope Paul VI named Mary the Mother of the Church, acknowledging something the church has always known. Jesus gave us his mother as our spiritual mother. Mary is the perfect model of faith, obedience, fidelity, compassion and prayerfulness. She is our mother. May we strive to follow her example.

"May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing." —Saint Padre Pio

*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

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**MAKANA'S HELPFUL HINTS**

Exciting ways to enhance young adult ministry

The timeless

Today's first reading (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11) is one of my favorites. Time is such an incredible concept. It's the measurement of life on earth. Without time, we wouldn't exist.

I saw a video that portrays a teacher telling his students that God must have created evil because God created everything. One student rejects that idea using St. Thomas Aquinas' teachings on evil. Evil does not exist because evil is merely the absence of good.

Ecclesiastes tells us good things and bad things will happen, but no one is meant to stay in time. This is why God has put "the timeless" in our hearts. "For you have formed us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you." (St. Augustine)

Our souls are destined for eternity, for God. Once we forget that, we lose sense of our purpose on earth. In turn, we lose sense of the purpose of Jesus Christ. Knowing our purpose and who Jesus is, the journey of life on earth becomes a beautiful journey into forever.

Here's a quote from photoblip.com for your young adults: "Life is like a rollercoaster. It has its ups and downs. But it's your choice to scream or enjoy the ride."

Happy Birthday to Malcolm Zara!

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