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A man lights a candle in Republique square in Paris Nov. 14 in memory of victims of terrorist attacks which the previous evening claimed the lives of 129 people.

Pope Francis 'Unspeakable' barbarity

Using the name of God to try to justify violence and murder is 'blasphemy'

By **Cindy Wooden**
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Using God's name to try to justify violence and murder is "blasphemy," Pope Francis said Nov. 15, speaking about the terrorist attacks on Paris.

"Such barbarity leaves us dismayed, and we ask ourselves how the human heart can plan and carry out such horrible events," the pope said after reciting the Angelus prayer with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

The attacks in Paris Nov. 13 — attacks

the French government said were carried out by three teams of Islamic State terrorists — caused the deaths of at least 129 people and left more than 350 injured, many of them critically. A suicide bomber blew himself up outside a soccer stadium, gunmen attacked customers at cafes and restaurants and a team of terrorists gunned down dozens of people at a concert.

The attacks, Pope Francis said, were an "unspeakable affront to the dignity of the human person."

"The path of violence and hatred cannot resolve the problems of humanity,

and using the name of God to justify this path is blasphemy," he said.

Pope Francis asked the thousands of people who gathered at St. Peter's for the Sunday midday prayer to observe a moment of silence and to join him in reciting a Hail Mary.

"May the Virgin Mary, mother of mercy, give rise in the hearts of everyone, thoughts of wisdom and proposals for peace," he said. "We ask her to protect and watch over the dear French nation, the first daughter of the church, over Eu-

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Bishop Larry Silva

MESSAGE | CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

"We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison. cf. Mt 25:31-45." (Pope Francis, call for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, April 11, 2015)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In December we begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy. On November 22, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, when there will be a special second collection for the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

CCHD funds community and economic development programs across the United States that help people in need join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems and find ways to improve their lives and communities in alignment with Catholic Social Teaching.

Here in Hawaii, the Catholic Campaign for Human De-

velopment has supported a wide range of projects working with the most vulnerable, including HOPE Services Hawaii and the Pu'a Foundation helping women returning from prison and families affected by incarceration.

This second collection on the weekend of November 21/22 is the primary source of funding CCHD so that it can offer new hope every year to the most vulnerable struggling throughout the United States. Please remember, 25 percent of the collection's proceeds stay in our diocese to support merciful work here with the vulnerable.

Help us defend human dignity and mercifully witness to Jesus. I encourage you all to give generously to this CCHD collection. God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

Official notices

Bishop's calendar

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

- November 20-21, National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- November 24, Priests' Day, St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, California.
- November 26, 9:00 am, Thanksgiving Day Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu.
- November 28, 10:00 am, Mass for West Hawaii Vicariate Island Treasures Celebration, St. Michael Parish, Kona.

- November 29, 1:00 pm, Mass for the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs Celebration, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi.
- December 1, 9:00 am, Diocesan Finance Council, Chancery, downtown Honolulu.
- December 2, 6:15 pm, Holy Hour for Vocations, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi.
- December 3, 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; 5:30 pm, Patrick W. Hopper Scholars Program Dinner, Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki. [Fr. Gary Secor];

6:00 pm, Diocesan Planning & Building Commission Appreciation Dinner, St. Stephen Diocesan Center, Kaneohe.

Announcements/Appointments

- Bishop Silva has appointed Reverend Youngkun Kim as Chaplain of the Korean Catholic Community, effective November 8, 2015.
- As Chair of the Members of Catholic Charities Hawaii, Bishop Silva has appointed James "Duke" Aiona as a Member for a three-year term, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.
- Bishop Silva has appointed

Marsha Pascua to the Diocesan Liturgical Commission as the representative of the Maui/Lanai Vicariate for a three-year term, effective November 1, 2015 - October 31, 2018.

■ As Spiritual Director of the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholics, and with the endorsement of his delegate, Spiritual Director Father Edgar Brillantes, and the recommendation of the Administrative Board, Bishop Silva has appointed Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep as the DCFCC Executive Secretary, effective immediately.

■ The diocesan offices will be closed November 26-27, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Heralding back

NEWS FROM PAGES PAST



50 years ago — Nov. 19, 1965

Thanksgiving Day in Japan is Kansha Bi. Though the name is different, the custom of giving thanks is the same the world over. Sister Martin Jerome of Maryknoll and her kimonoed friends join the rest of the country in saying "arigato," thank you, for the many blessings, both spiritual and material, that have come to Japan. On this national holiday the emperor offers the new rice to the gods, and the Japanese people pray for continued prosperity. (NC photo)

25 years ago — Nov. 23, 1990

Kona's St. Michael Church officially a parish

Some may be surprised to learn that the landmark St. Michael the Archangel Church in Kailua-Kona has been a mission or "outpost" of the much smaller Immaculate Conception Parish some five and a half

miles away in Holualoa. After this week, however, that is no longer the case.

In an official decree dated Nov. 19, Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario announced that the old stone church, the oldest on the Big Island, is now designated as the "parochial church and canonical parish" of North Kona. Immaculate Conception has been renamed a mission of St. Michael. Three other missions, Holy Rosary in Kalaoa, St. Peter in Kahaluu and St. Paul in Kawanui, continue to be a part of the large parish. ...

At the 150th anniversary celebration of St. Michael this past July 5, Bishop Ferrario announced that the process to designate the church as a parish would begin.

The bishop will preside over a solemn dedication of the church early next year.

10 years ago — Nov. 18, 2005

Big renovation of Kailua church an exercise in parish cooperation

Big change calls for big help. At St. John Vianney Parish in the Enchanted Lake district of Kailua, the renovation of its 40-year-old church has called upon the cooperation of the entire parish community. ...

The project began in 2000, when Father (Thomas) Gross made final arrangements on a plan initiated a decade earlier by the previous pastor Father Joseph Grimaldi. Actual construction began this past July.

Major changes include an expansion of the church size and a move from a vertical to a horizontal configuration inside. The new facility will increase the seating capacity by about 100 seats, according to Father Gross. It will also be air conditioned.

"There are a number of things in the master plan, including making it more conducive for active participation of everyone at Mass," Father Gross said.

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Seven couples stand at the altar after getting their marriages convalidated at Sacred Hearts Church in Lanai, Nov. 10. From left to right, the couples are: Ryan and Danette Rodrigues, Brandon and Regina Agliam, Carlo and Jerrilyn Yumol, Charlie

and Jane Palumbo, Eddienyl and Medigale Badillo, Rodel and Myrah Llamelo, and Elmer and Glendaile Llamelo. With them, at center, are Bishop Larry Silva and Sacred Hearts pastor Father Jose Macoy.

A day full of joy, 'seven times over'

Lanai's tiny Sacred Hearts parish celebrates the convalidations of seven Island marriages

Story and photos by
Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz
Hawaii Catholic Herald

LANAI CITY — The night of Nov. 10 will be one of joyful memories for the Catholic community of Lanai, as seven couples from Sacred Hearts Church had their marriages convalidated during a special Mass that celebrated faith, family and love.

Roughly 300 people gathered at the church in the heart of Lanai City for the ceremony presided over by Bishop Larry Silva. "Convalidation" allows couples that have been previously married "outside the church" to make their unions valid through the sacrament of matrimony.

Sacred Hearts is the only Catholic parish on Lanai, an island whose population, last tallied in 2010, was a little more than 3,000. The small, plantation-style church was beautifully decorated for the nuptial Mass with wedding-white ribbons and arrangements of red and pink Island flowers in the sanctuary.

At the start of the 5 p.m. liturgy, Bishop Silva processed to the altar with Sacred Hearts pastor Father Jose Macoy and Maui deacons Cornelio Pulido and Pat Constantino. Following the clergy were children of the seven convalidation couples serving as ring bearers and flower girls.

Receiving applause from their warm and vibrant parish ohana as they entered the church and walked down the aisle were the brides and grooms:

- Brandon and Regina Agliam
- Eddienyl and Medigale Badillo
- Elmer and Glendaile Llamelo
- Rodel and Myrah Llamelo
- Ryan and Danette Rodrigues



Brandon and Regina Agliam exchange rings.

■ Charlie and Jane Palumbo
■ Carlo and Jerrilyn Yumol
Bishop Silva welcomed the standing-room-only congregation and called the occasion a day full of joy, "seven times over." The couples are all Lanai residents and parishioners at Sacred Hearts. Their journey to this unique ceremony began with announcements made at the church earlier this year by Father Macoy who invited any couple interested in receiving the sacrament of matrimony or convalidation to contact him via text message.

The pastor then arranged for an Engaged Encounter team comprised of members from across the diocese to prepare the Lanai couples to validate their marriages. At an Engaged Encounter weekend retreat Oct. 24-25, the couples participated in prayer, catechesis and reflection.

Leading up to the Nov. 10 Mass, they also met personally with Father Macoy and the parish staff.

The liturgy underscored themes of fidelity and unconditional service in marriage. The first reading from the Book of Sirach, for example, noted, "The choicest of blessings is a modest wife." A popular wedding passage from 1 Corinthians 13 was the second reading, highlighting the attributes of genuine love.

Bishop Silva in his homily recounted the tale of Don Quixote, the title character of a classic Spanish novel. In some adaptations of the literary work, Don Quixote falls in love with a woman named Aldonza, whom he sees as beautiful despite having what Bishop Silva summed up as a "loose" lifestyle.

The bishop explained that Aldonza became a "virtuous woman" through Don Quixote's fervent belief in her. True married love, he said, can also transform hearts and lives with grace.

"Very few of us can say we are always virtuous," Bishop Silva said. "Yet Jesus has come to tell



Parishioners watch Eddienyl and Medigale Badillo make their wedding vows.

us, 'You are my beloved. You are the ones that I love so much that I gave my life for you.'

"When we keep hearing that story over and over again, we believe it," he added. "We begin to be patient and kind and loving and forgiving."

Marriage, he noted, is a powerful testimony of God's love that couples embody in all they do for a lifetime.

"Matrimony is not 'what is in it for me,'" Bishop Silva said. "You are called to this beautiful sacrament to give yourself totally to each other, so that joy can be fruitful in your children and grandchildren someday, to witness your commitment no matter what."

"Doesn't the world need that so much?"

After the homily, each of the seven couples took turns stepping forward to the altar to profess their marital vows. Bishop Silva then blessed the rings carried to the sanctuary by the

couples' children, and all of the couples stood before the congregation as they exchanged their wedding bands.

The church rang with cheers as the sacramental rite concluded.

After Communion, Ryan Rodrigues, representing the couples, thanked the Sacred Hearts parish council and finance committee, and the Engaged Encounter team.

Rodrigues encouraged those not yet married in the church to have their unions convalidated.

"It is our hope that what you have witnessed here this evening may be shared with others in our parish and community," he said.

Father Macoy ended the Mass with heartfelt words of advice for the newly convalidated couples.

"Enjoy your married life, but do not forget the one that gives you this grace," he said. "The couple and the family that prays together, stays together."

"There is nothing impossible with God," he added.



HCH photo | Darlene Dela Cruz

Graveyard Mass

Father Marvin Samiano of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace celebrates a memorial Mass for the dead Oct. 7 at the Honolulu Catholic Cemetery on King Street. The Mass, held under a tent, was part of a morning of service and fellowship as young adults from the West Honolulu vicariate gathered to clean the graveyard. During the month of November, Catholics celebrate All Souls' Day and keep in prayer their departed loved ones.

Talk story OFFICE FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY

Responding to the needs of the most vulnerable

"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need."
(Pope Francis, World Youth Day, Brazil, July 25, 2013)

November is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month in the U.S., a good time to reflect on these words of Pope Francis, and how they relate to the Nov. 21-22 special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and speak to the ongoing initiative in our diocese called "One Ohana: Food and Housing for All."

Pope Francis continues to ask all of us to consider how we respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in our midst. The U.S. bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) answers this call directly by funding projects that fight the root causes of poverty in our country.

As Bishop Larry Silva points out in his letter to all in the diocese, "the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has supported a wide range of projects working with the most vulnerable, including HOPE Services Hawaii and the Pu'a Foundation helping women returning from prison and families affected by incarceration." (See page 2.)

For example, the Big Island's HOPE Services works with ex-incarcerated persons and formerly homeless families. With college volunteers, it delivers food to parish pantries and to homeless shelters such as HOPE's Friendly Place in Kona. HOPE supports kupuna housing and is helping Chuukese communities in Hilo and Pahoia plant ulu

(breadfruit) trees as a way of contributing fresh produce to parish food pantries. HOPE has been a vital partner for Big Island parishes participating in One Ohana: Food and Housing for All.

The Pu'a Foundation helps women leaving Kailua's Women's Community Correctional Center and returning to the community, and their families. It welcomes the support of food and housing ministries in Windward Oahu parishes. Pu'a brings together parishioners and formerly incarcerated or "justice involved" women and their families in monthly community meals and special home renovation weekends. This past weekend, the organization gathered these families with service providers and representatives from Family Court to work on the re-integration of the women into their families and communities.

On the weekend of Nov. 21-22, every parishioner in Hawaii will have the opportunity to give to the second collection for CCHD to fund these programs and others like them across the country. Bishop Silva urges us to "help us defend human dignity and mercifully witness to Jesus" and encourages "all to give generously to this CCHD collection."

We invite you to join our pope and our bishop in this effort to support CCHD-funded programs in Hawaii and throughout the United States, witnessing to Jesus by serving the poor.

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Memorial Mass for Maryknoll Sister Sandy Galazin

The memorial Mass for Maryknoll Sister Sandy Galazin will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Nov. 28 at Sacred Heart Church, Punahou, followed by a reception and the opportunity to share remembrances of Sister Sandy's ministry.

In Hawaii she served as an educator, a social justice and peace activist and an advocate for cler-

gy through Catholic Charities Hawaii, spanning 46 years.

Attending the Mass will be Sister Teruko Ito and Sister Anastasia Lott, part of the Maryknoll Sisters four-member congregational leadership team at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Westchester County, N.Y. They will be in Hawaii for the Maryknollers' regional assembly, Nov. 26-30.

School seeks nominees for leadership, service awards

St. Joseph School in Hilo is seeking nominees for special recognition at its annual Cardinal Ball Feb. 20, 2016, at the Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo.

These would be people who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the fields of community organizations, athletics, administration, government, visual and performing arts, business, church and other areas.

Service awards focus on those providing service to the school. Leadership awards are for St. Joseph alumni who have shown

leadership at many levels.

Nominations must be submitted by mail by Dec. 14 to Alumni & Friends St. Joseph School, Outstanding Leadership and Distinguished Service Awards, 1000 Ululani Street, Hilo, HI 96720.

Nominations should list areas of leadership/service and accomplishments. A current resume or list of leadership/service roles they have held and the length of time in these roles is also required.

Nominators must include their names and contact information.

REPORT

Audit finds diocese in full compliance with 'Charter for Protection of Children'

By Kristin Leandro
Special to the Herald

Following a three-day site audit last month by a Mainland auditing firm, the Diocese of Honolulu has been found in full compliance with the U.S. bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

In June 2002, four months after the crisis of child sexual abuse by clerics was dramatically brought to light in media reports, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops developed the Charter to guide U.S. dioceses in their response to the scandal. The Charter promotes healing and reconciliation with victims of sexual abuse by clergy, religious, employees and volunteers; outlines an effective response to allegations of sexual abuse; and calls for more effective screening and education for those entering into service with the church.

The Diocese of Honolulu,

which already had policies in place, updated them in light of the Charter.

In our continued commitment to the Charter, the diocese participates in the U.S. bishops' annual audit process, a yearly written assessment of our implementation efforts. And every three years we participate in a three-day site visit conducted by Stonebridge Business Partners, Inc., an independent auditing firm hired by the bishops.

Stonebridge visited our diocese Oct. 12-14. During the visit, Stonebridge reviewers examined our safe environment policies, procedures and documents that demonstrate the diocese's compliance with Charter requirements. They interviewed Bishop Larry Silva, vicar general Father Gary Secor, vicar of clergy Father Manuel Hewe, two members of the Diocesan Review Board, the group that examines allegations of sexual abuse, and others.

The Stonebridge reviewers also

visited three Oahu churches: St. Jude Parish in Kapolei, St. John the Baptist Parish and School in Kalihi, and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in the Ala Moana area. They interviewed pastors and administrators, the school principal, and the parish and school safe environment liaisons.

The Stonebridge reviewers, during their exit interview, presented the diocese with only one written recommendation. They noted that the victim assistance coordinator, the social worker assigned to take the initial calls from abuse victims, had changed a month or so before the audit. Diocesan materials referring to the new coordinator should be updated, they said.

That update has been made. The diocese's current Victim Assistance Coordinator is Elizabeth Lyons, MFT. She can be reached at 527-4604 or elizabeth.lyons@catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

Bishop Silva received confir-

mation of the diocese passing the audit in a letter from Stonebridge Business Partners dated Oct. 23. It said, "Based on the results of our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Honolulu, the Diocese has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the 2014/2015 audit period."

The successful outcome of our

2015 audit site visit would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our clergy, religious, employees and volunteers in our parishes, schools and diocesan organizations. Thank you all for your tireless efforts to protect our youth and restore the faithful's trust in the church.

Kristin Leandro is the diocesan Safe Environment director.



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' safe environment poster.

SISTER MARY LASTANT, BVM | 1926-2015

Lifelong educator taught at Holy Cross, Kalaheo

Sister Mary LaStant, a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary who taught in a Catholic school on Kauai 60 years ago, died Nov. 2 at her congregation's Marian Hall in Dubuque, Iowa.



Sister Mary
LaStant, BVM

She was 89 and a religious sister for 68 years.

She was buried at Mount Carmel cemetery in Dubuque.

Sister Mary taught at Holy Cross Grade School in Kalaheo, Kauai,

from 1955 to 1962. She was also an elementary school teacher in Sacramento and Glendale, Calif.; Dubuque, Iowa; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Chicago. She worked in food service at a parish in Berwyn, Ill.

Sister Mary was born in Dubuque on Aug. 10, 1926, to Ernest and Margaret (Melloy) LaStant. She entered the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the BVM Sisters, on Sept. 8, 1944, from St. Raphael Cathedral, Dubuque. She professed first vows on March 19, 1947, and final vows on Aug. 15, 1952. Her religious name was Sister Adorine.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother John and a sister Rita. She is survived by a niece, nephews, and the Sisters of Charity, BVM, with whom she shared life for 71 years.

Memorials may be given to the Sisters of Charity, BVM Support Fund, 1100 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, Iowa 52003, or online at www.bvmcong.org/whatsnew_obits.cfm.

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E Hā'awi I Ke Ola, E Ho'ihoi... To Offer Healing, To Restore Trust

The Diocese of Honolulu, which encompasses the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawai'i, wishes to acknowledge the pain, anger and confusion caused by the sexual abuse of minors by clergy, religious or church workers. The Diocese of Honolulu remains committed to the promotion of safety, healing, reconciliation and the maintenance of safe environments for our children and young people.

Support and Services for Adults

The Victims Assistance Coordinator provides support and services for adult survivors of child sexual abuse by clergy, religious or church workers of the Diocese of Honolulu. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will provide:

- an immediate and confidential meeting with the victim of abuse to assess personal needs and preferences for treatment;
- assistance in obtaining the services of mental health professionals trained in the area of sexual abuse victimization by qualified providers;
- assistance in providing or presenting your report to the Diocese of Honolulu, and arranging visits or meetings with officials of the diocese so that they can act upon your report;
- the coordination of any support services, resources or other services which directly enhance your ability to maintain a level of emotional well-being, while maintaining contact with you throughout the counseling and healing process.

Victim Assistance Coordinator

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Bishop's Circle campaign has larger goal for its third year

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

The bishop is asking you to join his circle.

The Bishop's Circle appeal, the diocesan fundraising campaign that seeks primarily larger donations to fund certain central diocesan operations, launched its third year with the first request letters going out this month.

Using the new theme "Stewards of the Gospel," Bishop Larry Silva thanked past contributors and asked this year's letter recipients to "prayerfully consider contributing ... in support of our many diocesan ministries — especially the care of our clergy, our youth and those in need both inside and outside our church walls."

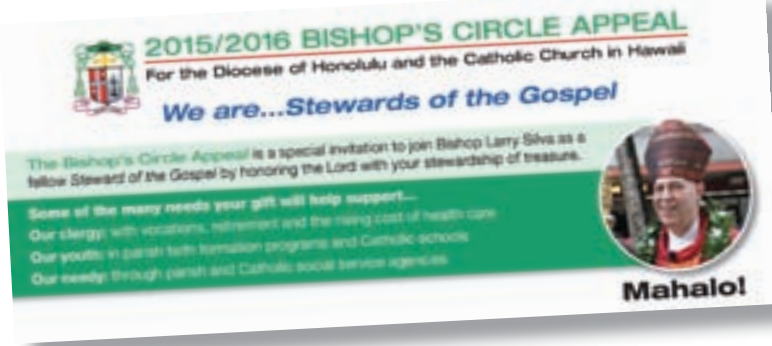
"Stewards of the Gospel" is the title of the bishop's new diocesan plan coming out next month.

According to Mark Clark, director of the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development which is coordinating the campaign, a total of 12,000 appeal letters will be mailed throughout this month.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$350,000, up from \$300,000 last year.

The campaign calls the appeal "a special invitation to join Bishop Larry Silva as a fellow Steward of the Gospel by honoring the Lord with your stewardship of treasure."

The money raised will support vocation recruitment, the retirement and health care of clergy,



children and youth in parish catechism programs and Catholic schools, and the poor served by parish and Catholic social service agencies.

In his letter, the bishop cited the "legacy" of Hawaii's past missionaries and saints converting, teaching and caring for the islanders, and his own 10 years as bishop, in the presence of "so many faithful people of diverse cultures, ages and locations"

"I see that our Church is alive and thriving amongst our many Stewards of the Gospel," he said.

The 2015/2016 Bishop's Circle campaign has five gift categories: Our Lady of Peace Society for \$10,000 or more; St. Damien/St. Marianne Society for gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999; Joseph Dutton Society for gifts of \$2,500-\$4,999; Witness to Jesus Society for gifts of \$1,000-\$2,499; and the Catholic Ohana Society for gifts of \$500-\$999.

Bishop Silva will invite donors who contribute at one of the suggested categories to a special ap-

preciation gathering. They will also be recognized in the Hawaii Catholic Herald.

However, it is not necessary to donate at those levels.

"Every gift is important," said Clark. "We are grateful for all expressions of stewardship of time, talent and treasure."

Included with the bishops letter was a page of "infographics" displaying Hawaii Catholic Church statistics like the number of parishes, missions and ethnic ministries (100), the number of children in parish religious education classes (6,793), and the number of people served by Catholic Charities, the Office for Social Ministries and HOPE Services Hawaii (50,000).

The Bishop's Circle appeal was created by Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario. Bishop Silva suspended it for a few years before bringing it back two years ago.

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Bishop's Circle infographic shows the reach of diocesan ministry.

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Parishes required to keep sacrament records safe, legible, timely

By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Diocesan judicial vicar Father Mark Gantley gave an example of how things can go wrong if church sacramental records are not recorded in a timely manner.

A mainland couple had made arrangements to be married at a Big Island parish. The wedding was canceled at the last minute, but the required paperwork already sent to the parish was never discarded. A while later, a new parish secretary discovered the documents and, unaware of the cancellation, dutifully recorded the “marriage” and properly informed the “groom’s” mainland parish. Later, when the man found the true love of his life, he was surprised to learn he was already “married.” It took some doing to untangle the mess.

Cue “Instruction for Sacramental Registers,” paragraph I.6.a: “Celebrations are to be recorded within a week after the celebration.” And related paragraph I.6.b: “Registers are not to be completed before the celebration has taken place.”

Father Gantley told his story at a workshop for parish office staff, Nov. 5, at St. Stephen Diocesan Center on “Maintaining Sacramental Registers,” one of five instructional sessions presented this past month on four islands.

About 40 people were at the Nov. 5 session, mostly parish lay office staff and a handful of parish priests.

The purpose of the workshops was to explain the newly revised four-page “Instruction for Sacramental Registers” — a list of 30 directives explaining the proper way to keep records of the sacraments administered in a parish, which is one of a parish’s most important duties.

The Instruction was first issued in 2009. Bishop Larry Silva announced the updated version Sept. 29. It reflects new realities such as same-sex couples being listed as parents on birth certificates.

Parishes traditionally have kept registers for Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, marriage and death. A new register for “reception into full communion of the Catholic Church,” a large, thin, hardcover, ledger-like book, was handed out at the workshops. It is for “those validly baptized in a non-Catholic church” who have been received into the Catholic Church. These records formerly were recorded in the baptismal register.

The other two presenters besides Father Gantley were Deacon Keith Cabiles, administra-



Judicial vicar Father Mark Gantley underscores a point at a diocesan workshop about parish sacramental registers, Nov. 5 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center.

tive assistant in the office of the Chancellor, the diocese’s primary record keeping department, and Mary Duddy, moderator of the Tribunal.

Deacon Cabiles offered a lot of practical advice: Keep registers in a fire-proof safe or file cabinet. Write legibly. Print, do not sign, the name of the celebrant. Use full names. Include maiden names. Index the register.

Pointing to a sample page from an 1843 register, written in a quill script mostly illegible to modern readers, Cabiles said, “in 200 years someone will be reading our handwriting.”

All records at the parish

Baptisms and other sacraments that occur in places besides a church, like hospitals, schools and prisons, are to be recorded at the parish within whose boundaries the sacrament was administered, he said.

Similarly, sacraments given in mission churches or ethnic communities are recorded at the host parish.

“The church of baptism is the master record keeper of a Catholic,” said Cabiles. Therefore, notices of Confirmation, first Eucharist and marriage must be sent to the church of baptism “within a week of celebration.”

In recording the baptism of a child of a single mother, the father’s name is omitted unless he is also listed on the birth certificate or makes a witnessed declaration of paternity.

If two women or two men are

listed on the birth certificate of a child seeking baptism, only the “one who gave birth” and the “one who can provide proof of paternity” are to be listed as the mother and father. The others are listed as “partners.”

In the case of baptizing adopted children, the adopting mother and father are considered the parents. A single adopting parent is likewise listed as mother or father. However, a same-sex couple,

neither of whom is the biological parent, would be listed as “partners” and the spaces of “mother” and “father” left blank. According to Father Gantley, this last point was a “personal decision of the bishop.”

Duddy, who spoke on marriage documents, said a “marriage record is permanent. It must be kept indefinitely.”

That’s essentially true of all the sacramental records.

Likewise, the Instruction states, “No changes may be made in past records.”

“Basically, you don’t change anything,” said Father Gantley.

Corrections may be made to misspellings and other errors by crossing out the word with a single line and writing the correct word next to it, so that the alteration is obvious. Add notations when necessary, he said.

“But no Wite-Out,” he said. “Keep Wite-Out away from the registers.”

In the Diocese of Honolulu, parishes are required to send copies of their sacramental records to the Chancellor’s office. Registers older than 70 years are to be stored in the Chancellor’s climate-controlled central archives.

Cabiles said parish staff should not “be sentimental” about keeping old antique-looking books at the parish where they may be prone to damage.

Regarding Catholics seeking their own sacramental records, Father Gantley urged parish staffs to be obliging and helpful.

Don’t ask for IDs, he said. “We don’t have to be excessively vigilant. They have a right to their certificates.”

However, those doing personal research or genealogies, follow stricter conditions. In addition, according to a directive from the Vatican Congregation for Clergy, “information may not be provided to members of the Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) religion,” which has a practice of posthumous Baptism.



Deacon Keith Cabiles of the Chancellor’s office speaks to workshop attendees.

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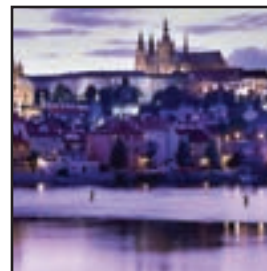
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Freed Syrian priest says imprisonment was way to carry cross of Jesus

By Doreen Abi Raad
Catholic News Service

BEIRUT — When a man dressed head-to-toe in black entered the room where Father Jacques Mourad was being held by the Islamic State, the Syriac Catholic priest thought his time to become a martyr had come.

"That moment was really intense and difficult," he recalled.

It was eight days after Father Mourad's May abduction by Islamic State from Qaryatain, Syria, where he served as prior of the ancient Syriac Catholic Mar Elian monastery. The militants also kidnapped Boutros, a deacon. Together they spent 84 days in captivity.

To the two prisoners' surprise, their would-be executioner did not treat them as though they were "infidels" (Christians), who are considered as impure and beneath fanatic Muslims: The man in black shook their hands, greeted them with "salam alaykum" (peace be with you) and asked questions as if he would like to get acquainted.

When Father Mourad asked, "Why are we here?" the masked man told the priest to consider it as a "khaelwe," which in Arabic means a time of spiritual reflection, a spiritual retreat.

"I needed this concept of a 'spiritual retreat,'" the priest told Catholic News Service while visiting Lebanon Nov. 11, a month after his escape. "I felt that the Lord was speaking through this masked Muslim. It gave me a

push to keep going."

Instead of the dreaded death sentence, the encounter turned out to be a turning point for Father Mourad. From that day, the priest said, his prayers had a whole new meaning, and he began to see his imprisonment as a way to carry and embrace the cross of Jesus.

In the 19-by-10-foot bathroom that served as their prison cell, Father Mourad and Boutros spent most of their time praying together.

"The prayer that really helped us, that was a source of strength, was the rosary," the priest said. He added that they also relied on Scripture.

"I used to remember the verse from Matthew: 'But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'"

As far as the two Christians knew, they were the only prisoners. From behind the locked bathroom door, sometimes they could hear the muffled voices of their captors, or their footsteps. Otherwise, they were completely cut off from the outside world.

There was no electricity in their cell. Daylight entered through a tiny window near the ceiling. Nights were dark, long and especially difficult, Father Mourad recalled. The two prisoners were given rice and water twice daily. Tea was added to that ration three times during their captivity.

Periodically, Father Mourad and Boutros were threatened with the ultimatum, "Either you become Muslim, or we cut your

head off."

One time Father Mourad was beaten. He distinctly remembers that it was on the 23rd day of imprisonment. Nothing in particular provoked the punishment, which was carried out with a plastic hose, functioning as a whip.

"It really hurts," the priest calmly recalled of the scourging, which he said lasted about half an hour. "They thought maybe I would succumb and agree to become a Muslim."

Yet Father Mourad said Boutros "was suffering because he was watching me." Every so often, the priest said, he would turn his head and smile at Boutros to console him.

"Personally, despite the pain, I lived this half hour in peace," the priest said. "I felt privileged that I was participating in Jesus' suffering. But at the same time, I considered myself unworthy of it."

Clever tricks of manipulation were also used, the priest told CNS. The day after the beating, one of the captors apologized for his colleague who carried out the assault on the priest.

"It's like a psychological game," Father Mourad explained. "They scourge you, and then they apologize, as if they want to show that Islam is merciful."

He said he responded, "Don't worry, I had already forgiven him."

On Aug. 4, Islamic State captured and demolished Mar Elian monastery, where Father Mourad had served for 15 years. Aside from the extensive archaeologi-

cal excavation and renovations he oversaw, the priest promoted dialogue and coexistence between Christians and Muslims.

"For many years he built bridges between the religions. This has now proved its value in the war," Father Jihad Youssef, a fellow Syriac Catholic, told the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need after Father Mourad's abduction.

Father Mourad also had been sheltering Christian and Muslim refugees at the monastery.

When asked by Catholic News Service how he sees his mission for the future, the priest shrugged his shoulders and responded: "After this happened to me, I have a bigger responsibility now, with Christian-Muslim dialogue. We can't play with God's will."

Chinese priest dies under mysterious circumstances

By Catholic News Service

HONG KONG — A Catholic priest who once operated a website that ran afoul of Chinese authorities has died under mysterious circumstances.

On Nov. 11, police informed the family of Father Pedro Yu Heping, 40, also known as Wei Heping, that the priest's body had been found in the Fen River, a tributary of the Yellow River that flows through Shanxi province, reported ucanews.com.

Father Yu's body was found Nov. 8, a day after the priest was supposed to be arriving in Xingcheng, in northeastern Liaoning province.

Church leaders from different parts of China and faithful who were close to the priest gathered in Taiyuan, Shanxi's provincial capital, where his body was found, hoping to get

more information.

"Two nuns saw Father Yu off for a bus to the train station in Taiyuan on Nov. 6," said a source, who asked to remain anonymous. "Various church members were still able to talk to him over the phone that day."

Father Yu was expected to appear in Xingcheng in the afternoon of Nov. 7 to join a catechetical meeting, but he did not show up. Earlier in the day, a nun received a text message from Father Yu's mobile phone. The message contained only one Chinese character — bie, which could be interpreted to mean "farewell" — the source said.

"No one believed Father Yu, as a dedicated priest, would commit suicide," the source told ucanews.com. "But now even a postmortem is not trustworthy."



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Pope Francis: Paris murders 'unspeakable' barbarity

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rope and the whole world.”

“Let us entrust to the mercy of God the innocent victims of this tragedy,” the pope said.

Speaking Nov. 14, the day after the terrorist attacks, Pope Francis had told the television station of the Italian bishops' conference, “I am shaken and pained.”

“I don't understand, but these things are difficult to understand, how human beings can do this,” the pope said. “That is why I am shaken, pained and am praying.”

The director of the television station recalled how the pope has spoken many times about a “third world war being fought in pieces.”

“This is a piece,” the pope responded. “There are no justifications for these things.”

On social media, Islamic State militants claimed responsibility, but Pope Francis insisted there can be no “religious or human” excuse for killing innocent people and sowing terror. “This is not human.”

French authorities reported Nov. 14 that eight terrorists were dead after the night of attacks; six of them committed suicide and two were killed by police, who stormed the concert hall where the terrorists had taken hostages and where the majority of victims died.

Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois of Paris issued a statement calling for calm and for prayers, not only for the Paris victims, but also for the victims of recent terrorist attacks in Lebanon and in Africa.

“May no one allow himself to be defeated by panic and hatred,” the cardinal said. “Let us ask for the grace of being peacemakers. We must never lose our hope for peace if we work for justice.”

With some 1,500 inside Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral and hundreds more gathered outside Nov. 15, Cardinal Vingt-Trois celebrated a special Mass in memory of the victims. As the cathedral bells tolled a death knell, police patrolled the square in front of the cathedral and checked people as



People observe a moment of silent at noon in Republique square in Paris Nov. 16 in memory of victims of terrorist attacks.

(CNS photo/Paul Haring)

they entered the Paris landmark for Mass.

The cardinal told the assembly — which included government officials and ambassadors from a variety of nations — that the Mass was intended as a sign of sharing the pain of the victims and of praying for them, their families, for Paris and for France.

“The savage killings this black Friday plunged entire families into despair, and this despair is all the more profound because there can be no rational explanation that would justify the indiscriminate execution of dozens of anonymous people,” the cardinal said.

The only Christian response, he said, is to be “messengers of hope in the heart of human suffering.”

The terrorists succeed if their

actions shake Christians' hope founded on faith in Christ and on a belief that all of history, including moments of suffering, is in God's hands, he said.

The appropriate response to the “barbaric savagery” of the terrorists, he said, is “to demonstrate additional trust in our fellowmen and their dignity.”

Just a few hours after the attacks occurred, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, issued a statement saying the Vatican was “shocked by this new manifestation of maddening terrorist violence and hatred, which we condemn in the most radical way.”

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, sent a message in the pope's name to Cardinal Vingt-Trois, calling the attacks

“horrific” and relaying the pope's prayers for the victims, their families and the entire nation.

“He invokes God, the father of mercy, asking that he welcome the victims into the peace of his light and bring comfort and hope to the injured and their families,” Cardinal Parolin wrote.

The pope also “vigorously condemns violence, which cannot solve anything, and he asks God to inspire thoughts of peace and solidarity in all.”

Father Lombardi was asked about security concerns throughout Europe, and particularly whether the terrorist attacks would impact plans for the Year of Mercy, which is scheduled to begin Dec. 8.

“These murderers, possessed by senseless hatred, are called

terrorists precisely because they want to spread terror,” Father Lombardi responded in a statement. “If we let ourselves be frightened, they will have already reached their first objective.”

“It goes without saying that we must be cautious, and not irresponsible,” he said, but “we must go on living by building peace and mutual trust.”

“I would say that the Jubilee of Mercy shows itself even more necessary,” Father Lombardi said. Preaching God's love and mercy also is a call for people to love one another and reconcile with each other. It “is precisely the answer we must give in times of temptation to mistrust.”

Contributing to this story was Paul Haring in Paris.

World's Catholic leaders condemn terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Catholic leaders around the world condemned terrorist attacks in Paris and Beirut, offering prayers and condolences.

“The time has come for the world to stand united against terrorism and to confront the reasons of terrorism, such as feelings of oppression, hatred, bad education and fanaticism, with no double standards,” said the Jerusalem-based Assembly of Catholic Bishops of the Holy Land.

They called for a unification of “forces of good” and “countries and followers of all religions against violence, which hits the world with increased brutality.” Otherwise, they said, it will hit everyone “sooner or later.”

“We express our full solidarity with the French and Lebanese peoples and with the victims of terrorism and their families in Paris and Beirut and worldwide,”

they said.

“We pray to the almighty for healing the wounded and consoling those who are grieving,” they added. “We pray also for terror preachers and promoters so they backtrack and regret what they do.”

In Beirut, the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon concluded its meeting Nov. 14, a day after multiple terror attacks in Paris left at least 129 people dead and wounded hundreds more and two days after a twin suicide bombing in Beirut's southern suburbs killed at least 46 people and wounded more than 200. Islamic State claimed responsibility in both cases.

The Lebanese assembly “strongly condemns the criminal act and urges the Lebanese to join efforts to combat terrorism.”

The patriarchs and bishops also condemned “in the strongest terms” the terrorist attacks in Paris, offering their condolences and

prayers to “comfort the souls of the dead and heal the wounded and bring peace.”

The council denounced the violence to which Christians and other minorities in Syria and Iraq are subject and urged the international community and major powers to end war and achieve a “peaceful settlement” of the conflict.

Alluding to a proposed scheme to partition up Syria — which the Eastern churches reject — the prelates stressed that a peaceful settlement must also respect international laws “that ensure the rights of peoples and states and ensures their territorial integrity.”

“The worsening crisis and wars in several countries of the Middle East,” the patriarchs and bishops said, “has become an international responsibility beyond the countries of the region and its peoples.”

Meanwhile, grief at the ter-

ror atrocities in Paris was being expressed on a global scale, with church leaders from Scotland to South Korea sending messages of condolences to Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois of Paris. France declared three days of national mourning in France.

In London, Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, also defended innocent Muslims against any notion that they might be to blame for the slaughter.

In a statement issued Nov. 14, Cardinal Nichols said he prayed that Muslim communities in both France and England “may not be victimized because of the actions of these violent and ruthless extremists but strive always for the way of peace and cooperation with the wider society.”

In Brussels, Father Patrick Daly, general secretary of COMECE, the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Commu-

nity, issued a Nov. 14 statement urging the countries of the bloc to respond to the crisis together.

“It is vital that Europe presents a united front to the terrorist threat, that it be united, too, in its foreign and defense policy,” he said.

“The forces which currently threaten Europe do not respect national borders,” he continued. “It is imperative that the 28 member states of the EU act together more effectively. Our collective security is at issue, as is our freedom to live together in peace.”

Islamic State has said that the Paris attacks were in revenge for French airstrikes on jihadist targets in Syria.

On Nov. 16, it released a video threatening to attack every country taking part in military action against Islamic State fighters in Syria and Iraq, saying it would specifically target Washington because of the intervention of the United States.

The Parish & School

1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

The **high school youth** in the **religious education ministry** and **youth and family ministry** hosted yet another wonderful fun-filled event. The youth dressed up as some of our beloved saints, hosted games and provided candy prizes for the children of our parish and school. (Reported by Laurie Munoz)



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2 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

In celebration of the **Month of the Rosary** and **Priesthood Sunday**, **Father Edgar Brillantes** and **Father Adrian Gervacio** administered the sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** on Oct. 25. Seriously ill parishioners, families with handicapped in wheelchairs, and those over 69, both ill and well, presented themselves for anointing. Many felt the healing presence and power of God. In return, the community extended their hands to pray over their priests for World Priests Day. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff)



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3 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

On Nov. 2, **Father Richard McNally** celebrated Mass for the **Feast of All Souls**. Pictures of deceased parishioners were enshrined at the altar. As each name of the most recent deceased were called, one relative carried a lighted candle from the entrance to the altar to place it in front of the pictures. Then Father Richard said the prayer and blessed the pictures with holy water. His prayers included remembrance of those who have no one to pray for them. His homily was most solemn and uplifting. He said it is customary to offer a Mass of thanksgiving for our beloved ones to be united with the risen Jesus Christ in Heaven in everlasting life. One day we will be together forever with our Creator also. (Reported by Pacita Baron)



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4 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

We celebrated our fourth annual **All Saints Party** on the **Solemnity of All Saints**, Nov. 1, on the school playgrounds. Children, some parents and catechists came dressed as their favorite saint. The day started at 8:30 am with the singing of the Litany of the Saints followed by judging of the costumes. While the panel of judges tallied the score, the children scampered from trunk to trunk in the "Trunk or Treat" portion of the program. They also played games provided by **high school religious education classes**. Then at 9:45, everyone enjoyed the potluck brunch after which the children and their families proceeded to the church for the 11 a.m. Mass, the children singing "When the Saints Go Marching In." The judges were members of the **parish pastoral advisory council: Joe Hernandez, Tash deCastro and Helen Cordeiro**. Trunks for "Trunk or Treat" were provided by the **parish office, Aloha Fellowship, parish pastoral advisory council, music ministry, Life Teen, Ignite Young Adults, Sacred Hearts Society, Knights of Columbus, Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Confirmation 2 class**. The families of **Robyn Camacho, Aleli Fermin** and **Karey Swann** rounded up the list of trunks providers. (Reported by Julia Torres)



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the blessing of the graves at the parish cemetery. That evening we prayed two rosaries, with parishioners leading each of the 10 decades, Mass followed the rosaries. We ended with a wonderful potluck dinner in St. Damien Hall and watched a slideshow of photos of our departed beloved ones, whose presence was surely felt. Thank you, Father Eli, for making our Nov. 1 and 2 celebrations prayerful and meaningful. Pictured, from left, **Rhonda Ching, Clara Sales, Lucina Pasco, Felisa Dela Cruz, Maria Panag, James Sagucio, Father Eli, Vivian Moku, Sheba Kagimoto, Melinda Moniz and Rose Coit**. (Reported by Lee Rivera)

6 PAPAIOU

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

On Sept. 13, the **religious education classes**, pre-school through the eighth grade, returned after summer

break. **Mrs. Oarlene Wingate**, our previous religious education director, relocated to Oregon in June. Our new director is **Deacon LeRoy Andrews**. Classes are 8:30 a.m. Sundays, concluding with the 10 a.m. Mass. We have about 40 students. At the 10 a.m. Mass on Catechetical Sunday, catechists and their aides were commissioned and blessed by **Father Tim** and received their certificates. All enjoyed a light lunch in the hall. Thank you all for your dedicated service in the faith formation of the children. God bless you all. ... About 15 attended our **All Souls Day Mass in Kalaoa Catholic Cemetery** in Papaikou. It was a beautiful liturgy. It felt most appropriate to pray for all the souls buried in our midst. Many of us have family there. The evening was gloomy, with little sprinkles from heaven, but God withheld the rain until Mass was finished. After Mass, Father Tim walked among the plots,

blessing each grave. I am sure the souls at rest in Kalaoa Cemetery felt that special blessing. (Reported by Pat Phillips; photo by Inez Johnson)

7 KULA

Kula Catholic Community

Our **Children's Music Ministry** is underway. Eleven children, ages 6 to 16, meet weekly after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Ghost Mission Church. Leading them is **Katie Jacintho**, a multi-talented Maui High School junior, who is also a member of the 7 a.m. choir at Our Lady Queen of Angels. Assisting her is **Kamaile Aipa**, a junior at Kamehameha Maui High School, who lectures at the 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Ghost. Both youth are also active in the parish **youth ministry**. In the photo, the children are learning rhythm and timing. Learning the ukulele will be the next step. (Reported by Mary Jean Bega)

8 KALIHI KAI

St. Anthony Parish

Parishioners **Heledina Ayson, Rosalina Fenis, Audrey Ines, Julie Pintor** and **Fe Rodillas** joined a Marian Pilgrimage to Europe Oct. 9-26. They attended the Oct. 13 apparition anniversary of **Our Lady of Fatima** and visited the shrines of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, Our Lady of Rosa Mystica in Italy, and Our Lady of Banneux and Our Lady of Beauring in Belgium. **Pope Francis' weekly audience** on Oct. 21 was an unforgettable event. The ladies in the group wore long muumuus and leis and the gentlemen wore aloha shirts and kukui nut leis. Many of us gave our leis to enthusiastic young children who were begging for them. When the American priest speaker announced our Honolulu group, all 44 energetic and excited pilgrims shouted "Aloha!" in unison. After the audience, we had our picture taken in front of St. Peter's Basilica and gave away more leis. Another highlight was a visit to St. Damien's birthplace in Tremelo, Belgium. The day ended with Mass at the church where St. Damien was buried in Louvain, Belgium, and a visit down in the crypt to pray at the tomb of Hawaii's first saint. The group chaplain was **Father Louis H. Yim**, a retired diocesan priest. (Reported by Fe Rodillas)

9 AIEA

St. Elizabeth Parish

About **20 volunteers** of **Our Good Samaritan Ministry** picnicked Nov. 7 by the Admiral's Launch at Pearl Harbor. It was a wonderful day of fun, laughter and, of course, eating! Good Samaritan provides clothing, food and a hot meal every Thursday afternoon to anyone in need. We see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet. Generous parishioners give time, talent, food and treasure, making this a viable and valuable ministry, worthy of support. The picnic was a way of saying to the ministry staff, "Mahalo piha!" for everything they do! (Reported by William Tulua)

10 WAILUKU

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Our **annual craft fair**, Oct. 24, offered handmade crafts and homemade foods, jewelry and plants. **Boy Scout Troop 49** was also there in force to wash cars. Although the fair was a bit smaller this year, a larger profit was reported. **Val Standing** organized the event helped by a gratifyingly large number of volunteers. ... For our **All Souls Day** commemoration the evening of Nov. 2, participants were invited to bring white paper sacks decorated with pictures, prayers or poetry reminiscent of their loved ones, in which small battery-powered lights were placed. The church was packed. The church lights were dimmed and a video of pictures of parishioners who died over the past year was shown, as the luminary bags glowed yellow. Many were in tears. (Reported by Fred Silbereis)

11 PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

On Nov. 1, after our 10:30 Mass, a wonderful gathering of **parishioners and devoted parents** celebrated the start of a new year of **religious education**. All enjoyed games, lots of food and a fabulous water slide. The children dressed up as their favorite saints. For the new school year, students brought canned goods to help fill our food pantry for those in need. The day was a great success. It was a hot day, so the water slide (pictured) topped off the event. Standing with the happy children is religious ed coordinator **Mialana Naiga** and pastor **Father Mike Scully**. We thank all the devoted religious education teach-

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ers and dedicated parents who tirelessly strive to make our school year successful. Religious education ensures that our children understand the basic doctrines of our Catholic faith. **Pope Francis** called Catholic education one of the most important challenges for the church. *(Reported by Steve Torres)*

12 MAKAKILO St. Jude Parish

Our parish food pantry placed No. 1 in fundraising efforts of 127 agencies participating in the **Hawaii Food Bank** 11th annual **Hunger Walk** on Sept. 19! Pictured is **Judy Datzman** from our **Food Pantry Ministry** (**Carolyn Won** was too shy to join in) with the lovely koa bowl presented to our parish ministry and the Hawaii Food Bank traveling trophy with St. Jude listed as the current winner. *(Reported by Caren Argenzia)*

MAKAWAO St. Joseph Parish

Mahalo to **Daniel Texeira** for maintaining the lights in our church and to **Jason Jacinto** for installing an exterior light by the women's restroom and repairing the cafe lights. You both bring light to our world. We truly appreciate your time, talent and treasures. God bless you both. *(Reported by Donna Pico)*

13 WAIALUA St. Roch Parish

The pastor, **Father Jun Pastrano**, and the congregation are happy to have **Leianne Bueno** as their newest altar server, commissioned here on Nov. 1. Leianne is the daughter of **Nelson and Leilani Bueno**. *(Reported by Angel M. Ramos)*

14 KEKAHA St. Theresa Parish

Six of our very active **Filipino Catholic Club members** and parish administrator **Father Boyet** joined FCC members from across Hawaii at the **state FCC convention** Nov. 6-8 in Hilo. This year's theme was "Consecrate Them to the Truth: Christian Families Giving Witness to Jesus." Everyone was happy to have **Bishop Larry Silva** with them throughout the weekend. He was guest speaker both nights, celebrated Mass twice, and joined in karaoke with the other priests! Saturday's Mass, dedicated to all of our dearly beloved deceased members, was followed by workshops and the general membership meeting. **Father Sam Loterte** spoke on the challenges and opportunities for Christian families, the phenomenon of mobility and migration, and the role of families as missionaries of faith in our society. For the second workshop on social ministry, **Loli Paranada** spoke about powerful tools for caregivers. Bishop Larry's message centered on rebuilding the family as part of his pastoral plan. He congratulated the Filipinos for having a strong sense of family, encouraging us to enrich the young so they can enrich others. Attendees look forward to this yearly convention to renew friendships and share stories, challenges and accomplishments. It's a great way to learn from one another! Pictured are our attendees with Father Boyet and Bishop Silva. *(Reported by Chantal Duarte on behalf of Nelly B. Capino)*

15 PALAMA Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

The **religious education students** celebrated **All Saints Day** with a parade of saints and family potluck. **Father Greg** said the opening prayer. The 25 students, ages 7-12, announced the saints they represented and why they were chosen. Parents helped with the costumes. A potluck followed for more than 150 partici-



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pants, including church volunteers, siblings, proud parents and beaming saints. *(Reported by Rose Weldo; photo by Eric Bolosan)*

16 MOLOKAI St. Damien Parish

Parishioners joined forces with members of the **Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints** to clean the cemetery and grounds at historic St. Joseph Church in Kamalo built by **St. Damien**. Much mahalo to everyone (pictured) who turned out for the work party! *(Reported by Maria Sullivan; photo by Gene Santiago)*

17 HAIKU St. Rita Parish

On Nov. 1, the **religious education program youth** marched down the aisle dressed as their favorite saints as

parishioners sang, "When the Saints Come Marching In." The children carried posters of their artwork and research of their saint. Pictured, front to back, **Leiana Bland, Jayden Odoshi, Madison Freitas, Jesse Guerrero, Owan Watts** and **Talain Mortejo**. **Father Leonard Ssempijja** told the children that we can all be saints by doing good all the time. The celebration of the Solemnity of Saints reminds all of us of the life struggles of saints past and present. *(Reported by Esther Yap)*

KULIOUOU Holy Trinity Parish

Our **adult faith formation** presents a program for baptized adults 18 and over to be **in full communion** with our Catholic Church in just four sessions. What a great Christmas present to become Catholic for Christmas! Any

questions please contact Dan at home, 396-9726 or drguinaugh@hawaiian-tel.net. *(From the parish bulletin)*

HONOLULU Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

One way to help Christians in the Holy Land suffering from the turmoil there is to provide them with a means of livelihood. **Ghassan and Siham Al Sahouri** and their children represent over **200 Christian families living in Bethlehem**. These families are trying to preserve a Christian presence there by selling beautiful religious carvings. They have permission from the Diocese of Honolulu to bring their crafts to our parishes. See their website at www.little-bethlehem.org. They will be at all Masses Nov. 21-22. *(From the parish bulletin)*

18 PEARL CITY Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Bowling anyone? On Oct. 30, the **sixth, seventh and eighth grade students** eagerly climbed onto their chartered bus and headed to Fort Shafter, not only for the opportunity to have fun bowling with their peers, but to practice their math skills as well. Teams of 4-6 students from the same grade played a three-game challenge against another team from their class. Their teachers (**Mrs. Sylvia Tsuda**, sixth grade; **Mrs. Tori Bautista**, seventh grade; and **Ms. Esther Amano**, eighth grade) instructed the students to record the scores of their three games, find the average, and plot the results on a graph. These scores would then be compared to those of the other team members. While at Fort Shafter, they dined on their choice of pizza, burgers, nachos, French fries, and favorite-slushies. All the students agreed that this field trip was one of their favorites! *(Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)*

19 EWA BEACH Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Our **Lady Dolphins volleyball team** defeated St. Ann's Model Schools in an exciting three-set match Oct. 24 at the Catholic Schools League consolation bracket tournament at Radford High School. It was a great game. The first set was a bit discouraging, with our team down 9-25 points. However, their cheerful disposition, high energy and tenacity brought them back to win the second set 27-26. By the third set, their hearts were ready to win. The players and coaches **Joel Morales** and **Fred Ponce**, pictured, gave their best to earn a fantastic 15-9 victory to capture the first place trophy for the league's Pool B consolation bracket tournament. It has been four years since the Lady Dolphins won the same prize. Back then, present captain **Daniella White** was a fifth grader and new to the team. This demonstrated to younger team members that with perseverance and hard work all dreams are possible. Parents, faculty, staff, administration and friends are very proud of these young ladies. Way to go, Lady Dolphins! *(Reported by S. Patricia White)*

WAIALUA St. Michael Parish

The nine-night **Rosary Novena** sponsored by the **Filipino Catholic Club** ended on Oct. 23. Nearly 50 attended each evening. Dios unay ti aggina, maraming salamat, and mahalo for the \$2,753 donations received! *(From the parish bulletin)*

20 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Our student center was transformed into the **Land of Oz** on Oct. 24 when the **band program** hosted "**The Road to Oz — It Began in Kansas.**" During the paniolo-style dinner, nearly 200 attendees were whisked off to Oz as the various band groups, with members bedecked in Kansas-inspired outfits, performed pieces inspired by the "Wizard of Oz." The event also featured a silent auction and other fun, Oz-related activities. Proceeds from this fundraiser go toward the bands' operating budget. Pictured are **Lily Chu, Raelynn Chu** and **Robert Chu**. *(Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)*

21 HONOLULU Cathedral Catholic Academy

Our newly elected **student council officers** smile proudly as our school **celebrates 80 years** of quality Catholic education! Student candidates gave campaign speeches,

designed campaign signs and visited with students and teachers. The student body and faculty and staff then voted in an electronic voting center in the computer lab. Winners were announced the following morning. ... Students traded self-made saint cards in a school-wide saints project. Students dressed up as, and reported about, their favorite saint and went on a scavenger hunt to collect categories of saints — apostles, martyrs, angels, patrons. The project involved students, faculty and staff. Families were also invited. The project integrated religion with history, geography, art, science, math, writing, reading and music, and required the skills of bartering, story-telling, differentiating, research and more! (Reported by Michael K. Paekukui)

22 HONOLULU
Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our fourth graders are delving into a study of the Hawaiian Islands and its unique geographic features. They toured Oahu geologic sites. At Makapuu Lookout, they listened to moolelo, or stories, about the goddesses Pele and Hiiaka. The students searched for nine types of volcanic rocks at Awawamalu Beach Park, also known as Sandy Beach. In a related project, the fourth graders also researched the topography of the Islands and created a 3-D map of the chain, using the compass scale to determine the exact location of each island. Pictured are Lana Kim, Lia Worthington, Danilla Monk, Sabrina Kopf and Jetaime Tajir. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

23 HONOLULU
Damien Memorial School

In late October, our seventh graders spent the day at Paepae o Heeia, a private non-profit organization dedicated to managing and maintaining the Heeia Fishpond in Kaneohe. Our students moved under-water cinderblocks, and sorted and placed new rocks to build a retaining wall for the fishpond. They also removed invasive mangrove plants. Ryan Fitzgerald said he enjoyed preserving this ancient Hawaiian site. Zoe Hamada liked going in the water and learning the importance of the fishpond. Cristian Fernandez enjoyed helping the community. Campus minister Mr. Jeremiah Carter, seventh grade religion instructor Mr. Neil Nitta, PWH Scholars counselor Mr. Damien Bujecker and middle school counselor Ms. Erica Chun accompanied the students on this community service field trip. ... Paepae o Heeia just announced plans to gather 1,000 volunteers on Dec. 12 to complete the rock wall at the fishpond. The goal is to restore the fishpond as a useable aquaculture site for the community. Visit their website at <http://paepaeoheeia.org> for more information. (Reported by Diane M. Lota; photo by Jeremiah Carter)

24 HONOLULU
Holy Family Catholic Academy

Six munchkins enjoy a refreshing shave ice treat as they take a much needed breather from the carnival games and rides of Fall Fest at our school on Nov. 6. The annual festival brings together the school and parish community for an evening of family fun and pastimes, delicious food, and free Bingo to celebrate our strong Foodland/Sack n' Save Give Aloha finish. The evening is a special



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favorite for our students and their families, our alumni, and our supportive parishioners. Everyone joins hands and spirits to make the occasion a memorable one for the young and young at heart! (Reported by Christina Malins; photo by Christine Parker)

25 HONOLULU
Maryknoll School

We are proud to present the Spartan Cabaret: Vaudeville! This regularly sold-out show comes every fall and never fails to excite. This year features familiar Broadway and movie songs like "Fugue for Tinhorns" from Guys and Dolls, "Do Re Mi" from The Sound of Music, "Somewhere Over the

Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz and more! Performances are in Bachelot Hall, Nov. 19-22. There are two regular shows and two dinner shows featuring baked chicken ziti, tossed green salad, garlic bread and homemade desserts. Donations and ticket revenue will help send drama students to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland! Buy tickets at www.maryknollschool.org/student-life/drama-theatre or call 952-7310. Don't miss this spectacular show! (Reported by Laura Essenberg; photo taken by Kyle Roche)

26 HONOLULU
St. Patrick School

To raise money for the Sacred

Hearts Missions, students participated in a service-learning project entitled, "Hand in Hand" Oct. 30 on campus. The project focuses on three Sacred Hearts Missions in need of basics like food, housing, water and clothing. For October, the children, faculty and staff collected funds for the Sacred Hearts Missions in Tonga. Through everyone's generous efforts, we raised \$5,434.77. Those who donated were able to participate in the annual Halloween Parade, which went from 6th, Waialae, and 7th Avenue. They also received goodies from our friends at the monastery and the office staff and were treated to a refreshing treat courtesy of the school's PTO Association at the end

of the parade. (Reported by Pamela Asuelo-Montalla)

27 HONOLULU
St. Theresa School

The first months of school have been very busy in first grade. Besides all our lessons of religion, language arts, math, science and social studies, it has been a time of celebrating Holy Heroes. Pope Francis visit to America helped us know and love him even more. We listened to stories and viewed a video of his life and words of wisdom. Many of us watched his activities on TV with our families. In class, we made stick puppets and a bulletin board. We prayed for him daily as he asked us to do. St. Francis of Assisi's feast day was the occasion to remember his life of sacrifice, his care for the poor, and his love of animals. We sang songs, made doves of peace, and attended a school prayer service and blessing of the animals. St. Therese of Lisieux, our patroness, gave us joy as we celebrated her love for God and simple acts of kindness. We colored roses in her honor and attended a special Mass for her feast day. We honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, most especially during October. We are learning to pray the rosary and visit her grotto daily. All of our Holy Heroes are wonderful examples of simple lives serving others in the spirit of Jesus with kindness and love. (Reported by Marvin Macadangdang)

KEKAHA
St. Theresa School

Faculty and staff, including our Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, joined Holy Cross parishioners on Nov. 17 in manning their monthly food pantry and soup kitchen in Kalaheo. Needless to say, many saw Jesus in their brothers and sisters who came through that day touching their hearts in a special way. There's a great feeling of gratitude for the opportunity to help out in a soup kitchen. We may think we're helping others, when truly, they are helping us! The food pantry and soup kitchen is open 5-6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the parish hall next to Holy Cross Church. If you can help, contact Clarissa Emayo at 651-9725. Good stewards are always welcome! (Reported by Chantal Duarte)

28 KAILUA
St. John Vianney School

Our school-wide running activity, "The SJV Turkey Trot," is Nov. 25 at around 9:15 a.m., following the school Mass. The early learning center and kindergarten students will complete a course on campus. All first through eighth grade students will run/walk around the Keolu Drive Lake, approximately three miles. Accommodations will be made for those unable to complete the course. Students were asked to purchase a Turkey Trot T-shirt for \$10, which included a \$2 entry fee. Those not buying a shirt were asked for a \$2 entry fee. Proceeds will go to one of the school's Christmas service projects. The school plans to adopt a family in the Laulima Program with Keiki O Ka Aina. Volunteers are needed to monitor the route. Families may also run. Volunteers or participants must fill out a form in the school office. Call the office at 261-4651 for questions. ... The Student Travel Club will host its annual craft fair, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 5, in the parish hall. Stop by and shop for items that are perfect for holiday gifting. If interested in being a vendor,

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contact dsousa@sjvkailua.org. ... The **Parent Teacher Student Hui's** Big Island Candy fundraiser was a huge success with 4,500 candy bars were sold! Four "golden tickets" each worth \$50 are still out there, so keep an eye out for them! A huge mahalo to the PTSH Board for organizing the event! Here are the winners. First place: **John Creedon** (4) 340 bars. Second place: **Airi** (1) and **Alisa Chang** (8) 240 bars. Third place: **Paige Suzuki** (KB) 200 bars. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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29 KAILUA

St. Anthony School

We conducted a **Military Appreciation Prayer Service** Nov. 10 to honor those in military service and veterans. Many of our students have one or both parents currently serving. We also have teachers who are veterans, spouses and family members of military personnel. We all have a proud connection to the military and thank those who serve. Our guest speaker was an ambassador to APEC and former Dean of Academics at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. **Lauren Kahea Moriarty** shared her many other titles and experiences with our students. She was inspirational, challenging us to go forth and serve. We were honored to have Catholic schools superintendent **Michael Rockers** (pictured) join us, to have **Bella V.** from our kindergarten sing the National Anthem, our **Boy Scouts** as the color guard and our **Littlest Warriors** lead us in "God Bless America." Mahalo to our Veterans! (Reported by Patricia Barros)



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30 WAIALAE-KAHALA

Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

Students got all dressed up in their favorite costumes for our **Halloween parade**, Oct. 30. (Reported by Seong Won Bae)



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31 WAILUKU

St. Anthony School

In conjunction with the **Year of the Poor**, poverty around the world can be most easily seen in the desperation of vulnerable people who cannot feed themselves. **Pope Francis** asks us to take care of God's creation. But above all, we are to take care of people in need. Pictured are **students in fourth, fifth and sixth grade** who trick-or-treated for UNICEF on the Halloween night, Oct. 31. Over a period of a week, **grades kindergarten to third grade** also participated in their classroom. UNICEF has been blessed with the student body's contribution of \$512.83. (Reported by Teri Tavares)



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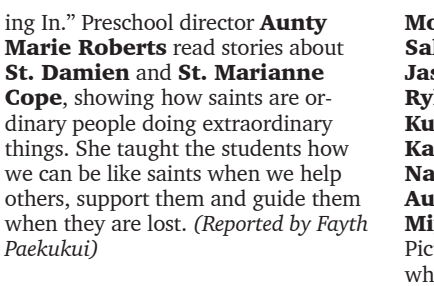


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St. Francis School

The **elementary students** took a hands-on approach to learning about the saints. **Ms. Ernestia Torricer's first grade students** did their own research, wrote their own stories about the saints, created costumes, and made presentations. It was a fun way to learn about the lives of the saints and the lessons they offer. (Reported by Jeff Melland)



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ing in." Preschool director **Aunty Marie Roberts** read stories about **St. Damien** and **St. Marianne Cope**, showing how saints are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. She taught the students how we can be like saints when we help others, support them and guide them when they are lost. (Reported by Fayth Paekukui)

34 HILO

St. Joseph Grade School

Nineteen students have their artwork on display at the Wailoa Center for the 2015 Hawaii Nei Art Exhibition Nov. 6-Dec.17, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays. Admission is free! The students are **Keyna Wilcox, Eli**

Monello, Isabelle Au, Lillian Salvador-Smith, Keya Davies, Jasmine Dela Cruz, Mone Kudo, Rylee Au, Kaile Holzman, Ian Kubo, Nathan Faletoi, Shuri Karikomi, Conchita Rivera, Naomi Rosario, Kenzie Handy, Audrey Englehardt, Ruka Suda, Miyako Hansen, Alyssa Faletoi. Pictured is ninth grader Alyssa Faletoi who won first place for her artwork. (Reported by Fayth Paekukui)

35 HONOLULU

Star of the Sea School

On Oct 28, in celebration of our **Blessed Mother Mary** and the **Month of the Holy Rosary**, the student body, teachers, some parents, and parishioners participated in a **liv-**

ing rosary. For some, it was their first time seeing a living rosary in action. After the rosary, each student received a blessed rosary handmade by parishioners. For many, this was their very first rosary and they are certainly treasuring it. One child remarked, "It's my first rosary and I put it at my bedside." Another said, "I'm going to pray the rosary when I'm sad." What an impact it made for so many! A big mahalo to the parishioners for making a difference with the love you put into those rosaries! (Reported by Roselyn Vicente McMahan)

36 HONOLULU

Saint Louis School

Students and families hosted **four high school students** from

Ehime Prefecture. The three-year-old homestay program connects Crusaders with counterparts from the same prefecture of the ill-fated Ehime Maru educational fishing ship in 2001. Since then, our **Japanese Club** has performed monthly cleaning of the ship's memorial in Kakaako Waterfront Park. Pictured is the entire group after a cultural workshop hosted by us and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii. (Reported by Faye Muranaka)

37 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

Our annual **Halloween Parade** through Makawao Town on Oct. 30 was a fun way to connect with the community and visit shops and businesses. We also held our annual pumpkin carving contest. The winner this year, pictured, was student **Psalm Moriwake** from the **Ladybug class** and her mother **Jayna**. She won four movie passes and a certificate. Her pumpkin was a carving of the class mascot — a ladybug. The children also exchanged goodies and played some spooktacular games to round off the day. Happy holidays to all. (Reported by Helen Souza)

38 KAPAA

St. Catherine School

Autumn has been a busy time, starting with **Pastor Appreciation Month.** At the end of our Oct. 30 school Mass, students surprised **Father Anthony Rapozo** with messages of gratitude, leis and hugs. The preschoolers gave a new meaning to "tough love" when they hugged Father Anthony causing him to stumble. ... Later that day, students celebrated Halloween. Our parade was filled with excitement as students showed off their creative costumes, which were judged in various categories and prizes given. ... Many of our teachers took part in the **School of the Future** conferences Nov. 3-4 on Oahu where they learned new ways to use technology in the classroom. They came back energized and full of ideas, ready to share with all the faculty and staff. ... On Nov. 8, our parish community shared in **Family Day**, which began with a Mass where students gave the readings. Afterward, there was a delicious chili lunch, a bingo game and water slides for the adventurous. Students participated in a poster contest to win free-dress passes and mini iPads. All had a wonderful time! (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

39 KANEOHE

St. Ann Model School

One day. One ohana. Once again, **Parent Work Day** was a tremendous success! School and early learning center parents came together Oct. 24 and demonstrated how individuals working together can accomplish great things. **On the school side**, we finished painting the hopscotch and 4-square patterns on the black-top fronting the classrooms. We also completed painting the second story lanai balcony and the side of the administration building. Parents sanded and painted the basketball backboards and poles as well. **On the ELC side**, they painted the lower exterior of the buildings and the traffic patterns on their courtyard. It was a privilege to witness everyone's willingness to work, the generosity in donations of supplies and refreshments, and the dedication that truly makes a difference in the lives of our children. Mahalo nui loa! (Reported by Kuulei Halemano)

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VIEW FROM THE PEW

Chaplains in blue: listening, consoling, praying

Screaming sirens go past the window of the restaurant, and it hits a time travel switch in my brain. It's time to say a prayer for the safety and well being of the people who are in distress and the policemen, firemen, paramedics dashing to help them. That's what Sister said in the classroom decades ago, kind of a brilliant if simplistic method of stimulating us into a prayer life.

So that's what I do, in just a flicker of a closed eyelid, then it's back to the food and chat.

Lately, a siren is likely food for thought, too. Whew, am I thankful I'm not the man or woman who has to take charge of that situation, be it traffic accident, fight, fire, people hurt or danger waiting. And amen to that thought when, later in the day, the news seems to be a litany of distressful events in our community and world.

Aren't we fortunate to live in a country, a culture, a society with a foundation of civic order and laws. You don't have to go any deeper than superficial news reports to get that, for millions of people on the planet, there's no infrastructure of order and rights and possibility of relief. There is no one to call for help. A person in a uniform may be fearful, not to be sought out but to be avoided.

We've just celebrated our fellow citizens who wore military uniforms and took on distant dangers on our behalf. The parades and ceremonies were inspiring. But it was some quiet, personal observances in my family that brought tears to my eyes; still do. My nephew, veteran of three tours in Afghanistan, was surprised on Veterans Day with texts of thanks from two generations of cousins. Our World War II friend got a phone call from my sister cheering "my favorite Marine." I wish I'd thought to do that, too.

Earlier this fall, we saw ceremonies honoring other uniformed citizens who answer the siren's call. In America's best display of communal chutzpah, we have turned the tearful remembrance of the 9/11 terrorism into applause for first responders everywhere, the firefighters, emergency medical crews and police who took on the responsibilities none of us would want.

For the rest of the year, not much applause. Oh, that's not exactly true for a fireman or a paramedic. No question, they're the good guys. We see how we benefit from their work immediately. What's not to love?

But for a police officer

But for a police officer, we're likely to hold back and judge. If uncle thinks he got an unjust traffic ticket, we carry that forward forever to judge any other officer. If we see a cop cluster at a fast-food shop to write reports, it's an automatic "why

aren't they on the road catching crooks?" Same thing, when there's a flock of blue at an accident or crime scene. Worse is when they don't put all legal procedure aside and clap the handcuffs on perceived bad guys immediately.

Much worse comes the judgment when wrongdoing by a bad actor in uniform is disclosed. Everyone in the same uniform feels the fallout when criminal or brutal or stupid behavior by a few bad cops comes to light — so often from vigilante video rushed into circulation.

If you think that ugly scene of brutality we face on the nightly news doesn't make most decent officers cringe, you are mistaken. If you think the officer who had to hurt somebody to control a threatening situation goes home proud and happy, think again. If there's any policeman who killed another person in the line of duty who moves past that without trauma and sleepless nights — well, that's a fictional character in a book or movie.

Did I fail to provide a spoiler alert: I've known a lot of law enforcement people, as relatives, friends, neighbors. As volunteers in community betterment projects. As coaches and mentors of kids. As cogs caught in their own complex family machinations.

I believe they all need prayers, not to mention support and applause, even when the sirens aren't screaming.

The chaplain's call

Last week, I spent some time with a cadre of folks who work to fill that need as a profession. The Honolulu Police Department's chaplain corps exchanged experiences at their monthly meeting. They visit hospitalized sick or injured officers — and a whole lot of their family members — and they do one-on-one counseling when they ride along with on-duty patrol officers or in off-duty meetings. They attend funerals and weddings in the police families, and are called on to conduct many of those events. They have seemingly endless gigs to pray at recruit graduations, retirements, promotions, awards, etcetera ceremonies.

And the chaplains are often called to answer the siren's call or its aftermath.

"Our duty is to be there for officers," said Andrew Kikuta, pastor of Hawaii Kai Community Church for 35 years and a police chaplain for 33 years. "If an officer

is traumatized by a scene or incident, we support them. If we can help them do their jobs by dealing with people at the scene, be a liaison between people and the department, we do that." An officer charged with the duty of notifying a family of a death may sometimes be accompanied by a chaplain.

Chaplains are sworn in as reserve officers and commit to spend 20 hours a month, but many more hours than that are routinely logged.

A chaplain commits to serve a wider congregation that just people in his own denomination, said Ronaldo Pascua, a former police detective who was an Assembly of God pastor in Waianae while on the police force. "We need to be aware we work in a pluralistic environment," Pascua said. While some Christian pastors insist they "always pray in Jesus' name," a chaplain may be more sensitive to the diversity of the police congregation which includes 2,000 officers and 300 civilians, some of whom aren't Christian or may not have a religious faith.

"Your service has to be more than from one religion, you don't let your own doctrine get in the way," said Roby Correa, a retired United Methodist Church minister and one of two woman chaplains here.

"We can't turn anyone away, it's not about my denomination, it's about their need to talk to someone," said Wynn Warner, another policeman-turned-chaplain. Warner, also with the Assembly of God, said his 26 years as an officer and civilian police dispatcher "set me up to understand things that happen. I can shed some light, try to be some help."

Proselytizing is forbidden, a standard set not only by the department but by the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Besides setting its own rigorous standards for applicants, HPD pays for each chaplain to qualify for professional credentials by attending the chaplain organization's 12-class training program, usually given on the mainland.

Buddhist Bishop Shuji Komagata of the Soto Mission is the only non-Christian of the corps that includes Kailua Missionary Baptist Church pastor Keoki Awai and retired Methodist minister Alex Vergara, both longtime chaplains. Retired HPD assistant chief Robert Prasser, of the North Shore Christian Fellowship, and Annie Abbott-Foerster, a New Hope pastor, are close to completing training, which will bring the chaplain force to nine.

It's the first time in history that they have come close to filling the full complement of 10 chaplain positions, said Officer Don Faumuina, one of three officers coordinating the HPD peer counseling office which administers the chaplaincy.

Tragedy and trauma

The office is deliberately in a building separate from police headquarters. "When officers meet with chaplains or peer support, everything is confidential," Faumuina said. "The rare exception would be if (what was confided) was criminal in nature, or if an officer is saying he wants to hurt himself. The chaplains are trained to work with that situation.

"It is typically voluntary for an officer to see a chaplain. The department deploys a chaplain to some situations," Faumuina said. An example was the tragic outcome of a police officer's attempt to help an elderly couple whose car stalled on the freeway. The officer died when his stopped car burned after being struck by another motorist. "A chaplain was requested by supervisors at the scene because of the trauma to other officers, friends of the dead officer."

Kikuta cited another incident when police officers at a scene needed support and consoling. Chaplains took the initiative of going to the scene of a Palolo house fire which killed five people, some of them known to officers sent to deal with the scene.

"It's not a policy for chaplains to minister to the public, as a matter of liability for the department," Faumuina said. "When it occurs, the chaplain makes clear that 'I am speaking as a minister, not a chaplain.' They can change hats."

There have been Catholic chaplains in the recent past, both deacons. And the peer support office has sought applicants from other faiths.

Each police recruit class has a chaplain assigned. "We have regular visits with them, encourage them," said Kikuta, and the chaplain will teach a unit on "Death and Serious Injury."

Each of the eight patrol districts and departments such as detectives, vice and even chiefs' office has a designated chaplain. Kikuta told about his routine of keeping in touch by dropping by when "my guys in the 7th" gather at a fast-food place at the start of their shift.

Kikuta was a chaplain in November 1999, responding to the scene of the worst mass murder in Hawaii history. Seven people died in the Xerox company shootings at the hands of an enraged co-worker. It was an incident that challenged chaplains for weeks afterward with many hours of listening and consoling and praying. But in our conversations, I found the chaplains are not a group to gather and exchange horror stories.

They are a team of good listeners, sincere friends with a penchant for praying. It's just what our police officers need. Don't we all.



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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Jesus is King over all

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

This weekend the church concludes its year. In the preceding 12 months, as we have gathered on the weekends, the church has taught us about Jesus. It has taught us the Gospel of Jesus. Now it ends the process by joyfully proclaiming Christ as king.

The first reading is from the Book of Daniel. Written about a time of great hardship and anxiety for God's people, Daniel summoned the faithful to steadfastness and hope. It urges trust in God, come what may.

Daniel also spoke of the faithful servant who is identified with the title, "Son of Man." This servant, the Son of Man, lived through the hardships and perils endured by all the people. Yet, he triumphed. God, "the Ancient One", received him and gave him dominion, glory and kingship. The Son of Man's reign will never end. His kingship will never be destroyed.

For its second reading, the church presents a passage from the Book of Revelation. Heavy with symbolism and references to Old Testament figures and images, Revelation also is eloquent and powerful in its exaltation of God, the Lord Jesus, and virtue.

This weekend's reading extols Jesus as "ruler of the kings of the earth." He is the Savior. He has made us a royal nation dedicated to God and to God's service. He reigns over all the earth, from a heavenly throne above the clouds.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. The reading comes from the Fourth Gospel's impressive and extensive Passion narrative. John's entire Gospel is superb both as literature and as divine revelation, but the Passion narrative is especially compelling.

This feast is one of two major liturgical events in which John's Passion narrative is read. The other is the liturgy of Good Friday.

All four Gospels record the Lord's trial, passion and death in great detail. Each, however, has its particular emphasis.

John's particular insight is that Jesus was triumphant, standing before Caiaphas or Pilate, facing the mob, experiencing the horrors of Roman torture, and finally dying on the cross. Not even the might of the empire could overwhelm the Lord. Not even the viciousness and evil of human sin could defeat Jesus.

Indeed, Jesus is king, as the Lord insisted to Pilate.

Reflection

In these readings, the church calls us to remember that Jesus is the king. He reigns over all. It is more than a mere acknowledgement of divine creation or of almighty power.

Jesus is king over evil, the worries and hardships of life, the scheming of humans, and of course over death itself. He prevails. He lives. All else comes and goes. His word prevails. If we bond ourselves to Jesus, truly in love and death, we too can rise above even death.

To give ourselves to Jesus, we need the strength of Jesus. We need not hopelessly yearn for this strength. The Lord offers us strength and peace uncompromisingly and in unlimited supply — if humbly we ask for it.

A heroine of World War II was the Netherlands' Queen Wilhelmina, great-grandmother of the present Dutch monarch. She came to throne when her father, King Willem III, died. She was only a child. Her mother, Queen Emma, Willem III's widow, became regent. She reigned until Wilhelmina was of age.

Queen Emma herself was very wise. Once, on a national holiday, she led Wilhelmina to the palace balcony. When the crowd below saw the little monarch, they cheered and sang. Wilhelmina was delighted.

Knowing that she was queen of the Netherlands, Wilhelmina asked, "Mommy, do all these people belong to me?" "No, dear," the queen-regent answered, "You belong to them."

The wonder of this great feast is that Christ the king belongs to us. He died for us. He gives us life.

Catechesis



Father Kenneth
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QUESTION CORNER

How do I explain Eucharist to a child?

Q At Mass recently, after listening intently to the words of consecration, our 4-year-old granddaughter whispered to my wife, "Is wine really blood?" How would you answer her question? Also, would your answer be different for a 7-year-old, a teenager or an adult taking RCIA classes? (Florence, South Carolina)

A First of all, I credit your granddaughter for her attentiveness and only wish that many of the grown-ups at Mass were so sharply focused. Next, the short and completely truthful answer to her question is, "Yes."

At Mass, following the consecration, what started as wine has now been changed into the blood of Christ. That is the "mystery of faith" that the church has taught for 2,000 years. (St. Aquinas, in his 13th-century "Summa Theologica" noted that the priest, in repeating the words of Jesus, does not say, "This bread is my body"; he says, instead, "Hoc est enim corpus meum," which is simply, "This is my body.")

This is the "hard saying" referred to in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Jesus had said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

Even though many disciples would not accept that teaching and walked away, Jesus made no attempt to call them back by saying that he had only been speaking symbolically.

Now having said this, I don't think your granddaughter needs

to know all of that right now. Little children think in pictures, so I'm not sure that I would mention "body and blood" at all.

I might say something like, "It still tastes like wine, but it's different now and special; it's Jesus coming into our souls to help us to be good."

I'm not even sure that a teenager is ready for a philosophical explanation of transubstantiation, but in fairness I think that I would try — as I certainly would with an adult Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults catechumen. (I would explain that the "accidents" of bread and wine remain — the taste, smell, texture — but that, in the Mass, the "substance" is changed into the body and blood of Christ.)

I'm angry. Should I stop receiving holy Communion?

Q I have very deep feelings of anger toward my parents. I won't go into the details, except to say that I have caused many hard feelings in the past but can't seem to admit my guilt and take the blame. My parents, I know, have made

many sacrifices on my behalf and helped me to become a successful adult — but I still can't seem to free myself of my historic grudge against them. Now this is bothering me a lot and I'm wondering if it is a sign that I should stop receiving holy Communion until I can resolve this resentment. (New Orleans)

A Without knowing the basis for your "grudge," it's hard to decide whether it might be helpful for you to talk it out directly with your parents or perhaps with a counselor.

But I don't think that you should stop receiving holy Communion. Feelings are rarely within our total control; what we can manage, though, is what we say or do against the background of those feelings.

I'm guessing that your behavior toward your parents is decent and your conversations with them kind — and your own preference would clearly be to free yourself of the angry feelings.

Moreover, Pope Francis said in "Evangelii Gaudium" that the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

I hope your continued reception of the Eucharist will sustain you in your goodwill and guide you in reducing your anger.

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Prayers at the Advent wreath

FIRST SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of Advent, the family gathers to bless the wreath. The Leader, usually the father, sprinkles the wreath with holy water.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, all things are made holy by your word. Pour forth your blessing upon this wreath. Grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive abundant graces from you through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST WEEK

For the first week in Advent, the youngest child lights the first candle.

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord, we ask you to stir up your power and come; that by your protection we may be saved from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leave one candle burning during the evening meal, at family prayers, or before bedtime.

SECOND WEEK

Two candles are lighted on the second Sunday by the oldest child and allowed to burn as before. The prayer for the second week is:

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through his coming we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THIRD WEEK

The mother lights three candles. The prayer for the third week is:

Leader: Let us pray. We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers and, by the grace of your coming, bring light into our darkened minds. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

FOURTH WEEK

All four candles are lighted on the fourth Sunday by the father. The prayer for the fourth week is:

Leader: Let us pray. Stir up your power and might, O Lord, and come. Rescue us through your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of your gentle mercy. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

At the end of Advent, the candles may all be changed to white, the leaves refreshed if necessary, and the wreath decorated with Christmas decorations.





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The Communion of Saints

At any given time, most of the world believes that death isn't final, that some form of immortality exists. Most people believe that those who have died still exist in some state, in some modality, in some place, in some heaven or hell, however that might be conceived. In some conceptions, immortality is seen as a state wherein a person is still conscious and relational; while in other concepts, existence after death is understood as real but impersonal, like a drop of water that has flowed back into the oceans.

As Christians, this is our belief: We believe that the dead are still alive, still themselves and, very importantly, still in a living, conscious and loving relationship with us and with each other. That's our common concept of heaven and, however simplistic at times its popular expression, it is wonderfully correct. That's exactly what Christian faith and Christian dogma, not to mention deep intuitive experience, invite us to. After death we live on, conscious, self-conscious, in communication with others who have died before us, in communion with those we left behind on earth, and in communion with the divine itself. That's the Christian doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

But how is this to be understood? Not least, how do we connect to our loved ones after they have died? Two interpenetrating biblical images can help serve as an entry-point for our understanding of this. Both come from the Gospels.

The Gospels say that at the instant of Jesus' death, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. (Matthew 27, 50-52) The Gospels then go on to tell us that on the morning of the Resurrection, several women came to Jesus' grave to anoint his dead body with embalming spices, but rather than

finding his dead body, they meet instead an empty grave and two angels who challenge them with words to this effect: Why are you looking for a live person in a cemetery? He isn't here. He's alive and you can find him in Galilee. (Luke 24, 5)

What's contained in these images?

As Christians, we believe that we are given eternal life through Jesus' death. Among other images, the Gospels express that in this metaphor: Jesus death, they tell us, "opened the tombs" and emptied graveyards. For this reason, Christians have never had a huge cult around cemeteries. As Christians, we don't do much in the way of spiritual practices around our cemeteries. Why? Because we believe all those graves are empty. Our loved ones aren't there and aren't to be found there. They're with Jesus, in "Galilee."

What's "Galilee," in terms of a biblical image? In the Gospels, Galilee is more than a place on a map; it's also a place inside the Spirit, God's Spirit and our own. In the Gospels, Galilee is the place where, for the most part, the good things happen. It's the place where the disciples first meet Jesus, where they fall in love with him, where they commit themselves to him, and where miracles happen. Galilee is the place where Jesus invites us to walk on water. Galilee is the place where the disciples' souls enlarge

and thrive.

And that is also a place for each of our deceased loved ones. In each of their lives, there was a Galilee, a place where their persons and souls were most alive, where their lives radiated the energy and exuberance of the divine. When we look at the life of a loved one who has died we need to ask: Where was she most alive? What qualities did she, most uniquely, embody and bring into a room? Where did she lift my spirit and make me want to be a better person?

Name those things, and you will have named your loved one's Galilee — and you will also have named the Galilee of the Gospels, namely, that place in the heart where Jesus invites you to meet him. And that is too where you will meet your loved ones in the communion of saints. Don't look for a live person in a cemetery. She's not there. She's in Galilee. Meet her there.

Elizabeth Johnson, leaning on Karl Rahner, adds this thought: "Hoping against hope, we affirm that they [our loved ones who have died] have fallen not into nothingness but into the embrace of the living God. And that is where we can find them again; when we open our hearts to the silent calmness of God's own life in which we dwell, not by selfishly calling them back to where we are, but by descending into the depth of our own hearts where God also abides."

And the "Galilee" of our loved ones can also be found inside our own "Galilee." There's a deep place inside the heart, inside faith, hope, and charity, were everyone, living or deceased, is met.

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OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

Companions for the journey

All of us learn from our friends and family. We get tips on restaurants, doctors, service providers or best places to get this and that. I just sent a request to a friend for her pickled cucumbers recipe, and I am looking at colorful origami cranes a Catholic Relief Services colleague taught me to make.

Beyond gaining knowledge and skills, I am also struck by how people can touch our lives with profound impact, at times helping us grow as a human being or as a person of faith.

At a dinner with a classmate I had not seen for over 40 years, I told her that I would like to pick up Spanish in my retirement, not so much to be fluent but to be able to sing along at bilingual Masses.

She shared that she has been teaching herself Spanish in the past few years since her son married a Panamanian woman whose first language is Spanish, even though she operates perfectly in English.

My classmate wants to be able to relate to her daughter-in-law's mother, who knows only Spanish, and to her grandson to encourage his dual heritage. Moreover, she told me that she is not self-conscious and will venture forth despite rudimentary vocabulary, sentence construction and pronunciation.

I was totally inspired by her commitment to know and engage her in-laws, her appreciation for the diverse ethnicity of her grandson, discipline in learning a new language and a desire so strong that overcomes our usual self-centered unease.

She taught me what it means to welcome a new member into the family and showed that yes, even at our age, we could pick up a new language.

Days later, I was told that a former colleague donated her kidney to someone she did not know. A friend of mine participated in a donation program for his nephew, and my brother underwent a kidney transplant. But I did not know any person who made it a priority to give a kidney to a stranger.

In fact, I was told it was on her bucket list. Then I wondered why more people don't think about organ donation as the ultimate statement of human bondedness.

At a reception soon after, I greeted an acquaintance who had cheered me on when I served as dean at the University of Notre Dame. Responding to the usual "How are you?" he spoke plainly and urgently of his current challenge.

With seriousness and a twinkle in her eyes, she stated, "I want to do what will get me to heaven."

Recent cancer treatments had damaged his only kidney (the other one being lost over 30 years ago), and his wife and children did not match his blood type of "O." I noted that mine is also "O."

About two years ago when visiting with a CRS donor, I asked her what she plans to do when she retires from a very distinguished career. With seriousness and a twinkle in her eyes, she stated, "I want to do what will get me to heaven."

We became good friends in the years hence. A few days ago at her kitchen while chopping vegetables, she declared, "Carolyn, I have figured something out: It is not enough to work on me getting to heaven, we have to work on everyone getting to heaven."

Boy, I have been haunted by her first statement, and now she has again raised the bar.

For the celebration of all saints, let us remember how every one of us, by the way we live, is the mirror of the goodness in which God created us.

We can make this goodness real and accessible, and inspire one another to live this out. Let us be companions on our journey to heaven.

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Sister An Mei Lam,
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VIRIDITAS: SOUL GREENING

Transitions and change

Interviewed by Sister Malia Dominica Wong, OP
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Letting go and being open to transitions in life can be really difficult for some people. I guess it is because of my background, being from China, that I have been able to pretty easily adapt to different assignments given in religious life. Transitions are not difficult for me because I was an immigrant and have lived in different cultures.

At 11 years of age, I came to Hawaii. I still remember being in the sixth grade in Lanakila Elementary School. Whereas all the kids were learning the regular subject matters, I was sitting in the back of the class learning my ABCs. When I was 14, I had met the Daughters of St. Paul, but I did not really enter the congregation until I was 26. I really took time to discern my vocation.

I graduated with a degree in political science and French and worked in the legislature for a few years. Having more experience in society helped me find what I really wanted. It was after a study abroad in France that I told my parents that I wanted to become a religious. My mom was concerned because all of the sisters she had met at that time were Caucasian. And Boston was so far away that she did not even know where it was.

When I first moved to Boston, there were challenges in weather, culture, and of even living a different lifestyle and schedule. I am a night owl. The convent schedule was regimented: 5:30 a.m. waking up; 6:10 a.m. morning meditation; 6:40 a.m. morning prayer; 7 a.m.



Mass; 7:30 a.m. breakfast; 8:00 a.m. class, housecleaning, or helping in an apostolate. But there was a deep peace when I entered that has remained with me since.

In 2012, right after I made my final profession, I was asked to be the administrator for the book center, to oversee the financial aspects of the book center and the publishing house. This requires a lot of accounting skills. Even though I am Chinese, when I was at the University of Hawaii, I took philosophy and logic to replace my math credits because I do not like math.

I was in shock as to why I was being asked to carry out this role. There was no human reasoning that would let me say “yes” to the assignment. But after a short period of prayer and discernment, I said “yes.” And I found that because of God’s grace, I was able to fulfill the role for three years. Because I was open to it, to something greater than my own expertise or knowledge, I was able to fulfill it despite my feelings of weakness and human inadequacy, because of the grace of God. As St. Paul in his letters said, “My grace is enough for you.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

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endures to this day.

Now freed, is he angry? “No,” he says.

Instead, he thanks God for his freedom, and he’s thankful for many things. He even says, in a voice slurred by a stroke he suffered in prison, “I thank God for ... even the people who had testified against me.” You can sense his inner peace.

Gratitude seems to wash away the wasted years of youth and health, the injustice that would leave a lesser man bitter.

How does one arrive at such a place of spiritual grace? Does grace bring us to gratitude? Perhaps a practice of gratitude helps us to see and accept grace.

St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that we should see God in all things. That’s an invitation to learn gratitude. Because in the normal course of a day or a year or a lifetime, things happen for which we may not express gratitude.

It’s one thing to see God when you get what you want; it’s quite another to thank God for his presence when you suffer things you didn’t choose.

So when bad things happen, we must ask, where is God in this? And that place where God is, in the midst of struggle and darkness, is that for which we are grateful.

Gratitude is a spiritual practice. All the theology and the doctrine and the sophistry in the world don’t tell me as much about grace as Michael Fitzgerald Wilson told me in his simple litany of gratitude.



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IN LITTLE WAYS

Living in mercy

December eighth begins a Year of Mercy, in which the church proclaims to the world that God’s mercy is infinite and eternal. I fear, though, that our understanding of mercy is incomplete. We think of it as a single act, like a judge giving probation instead of jail time. However, the divine mercy we receive, and try to give, is more an attitude than a single act.

We are, and always will be, sinners. Every morning I say the Lord’s Prayer requesting both my daily bread and forgiveness for the sins I know I’ll commit before sundown. I don’t believe, though, that God spends the day counting my sins and calculating how much mercy he’ll need to issue tonight.

I think God regards me as his imperfect but lovable child. He’s delighted when I strive to control my temper, but he is not shocked when I fail. He sees how his grace has helped me improve. He understands why I stumble. His love does not grow when I succeed or weaken when I fail. It is always fully and completely there, the foundation of my existence.

If we had (or have been) good parents, we’ve tasted that kind of merciful love. I remember my mother cleaning up yet another bike injury. She urges me to be more careful. At the same time, she washes out the grit, blows away the iodine sting and carefully attaches just the right size band aid. The gentle scolding and the gentle hands are both expressions of her love. My crashes don’t interrupt that love, and it follows me even as I rush back outside to take more foolish chances.

God calls us to cultivate that same attitude of mercy toward others. I don’t have it, but I know others who do, and I envy their peace. The merciful ones spend little or no time judging others or worrying about possible injuries from potential enemies. They have chosen to be kind to everyone no matter what. And, you know, I don’t think they get hurt any more often than those of us who are more cautious. When they are hurt, they get over it faster because they already understand that we all hurt others from time to time. They live in mercy.

Giving and receiving mercy are two aspects of the same experience. We pray “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive ...” If we’ve never chosen to overlook an injury, how can we believe God truly forgives and forgets? If we’ve never acknowledged that we need forgiveness, how can we repair the broken relationships in our lives? Mercy is not an item by item transaction. It’s a way of seeing ourselves and others. We are all brothers and sisters, sharing the same family weaknesses, but all precious to our loving Father.

Like all miracles, mercy requires faith. It takes faith to forgive, knowing we might be hurt again. It takes faith to make an honest confession free of excuses.

With faith, we see that mercy is an ongoing miracle. The more we give mercy, the more we see that we need mercy. The more we see our need and ask for mercy, the more we receive. The more we receive, the more we are eager to share. It’s an ever-deepening cycle of joy and peace.

I hope to spend this year of mercy being gentler with myself and others. I intend to regularly recall that we all make mistakes, but we are all worthy of love. Then maybe instead of just a year, I’ll spend the rest of my days living in mercy.

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Gratitude, a spiritual practice

Like many families, during the holidays we try to focus on thankfulness by asking each guest at a festive meal to express that for which they are most thankful.

Surprising how tongue-tied a roomful of noisy siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins suddenly becomes when given this task. Sometimes, one kid comes up with a winning response — “I’m thankful for my family,” — and the sentiment becomes repeated by every child at the table until I want to scream, “Can’t you guys think of anything original?”

But, since we also focus on not screaming during the holidays, I can only hope that this unanimous sense of thankfulness for relatives will temper the political and football rivalries that may pop up during the course of the meal.

Gratitude is supposed to be a key to our spiritual lives. So why is it that sometimes it feels so rote? How can this “thank you” to God — which the mystic Meister Eckhart said was so important it could be our only prayer — become so routine?

Recently, in an effort to reduce the population of our overcrowded pris-

ons, the federal government released 6,000 nonviolent offenders who had been given mandatory sentences.

I listened to one of these newly released prisoners being interviewed in late October on National Public Radio’s “Weekend Edition Saturday.” He provided a lesson in gratitude that seemed worthy of a saint.

In the early 1990s, Michael Fitzgerald Wilson was given a sentence of life without the possibility of parole for a first-time, nonviolent drug offense. During this time, the nation was responding to the drug crisis by mandatory sentencing, and prisons were filling so rapidly that soon the U.S. imprisoned more of its population than any nation in the world.

The presiding judge felt the sentence was harsh, but the law forced his hand. Although no drugs were found in his home, Wilson was charged with distributing crack cocaine. A bad thing — but so bad that we should throw away the key and with it his life?

Wilson left behind a 3-year-old son who is now 26. Throughout his imprisonment, Wilson tried to maintain a relationship with his son that

Saints

Edmund the Martyr

841 - circa 869
Nov. 20



An English patriot-king, Edmund began life with a Saxon lineage and Christian upbringing. He may have been elected king of East Anglia as early as 855, when he was 14, and of Suffolk the following year. He ruled wisely and was regarded as a good man. The great Viking invasion of 866, led by Ingvar, reached his domain a few years later. Because of his faith, Edmund repeatedly rejected Ingvar's attempts to have them rule jointly. Ingvar finally had him scourged, pierced with arrows and beheaded. Edmund is sometimes depicted in art with the wolf that allegedly guarded his head after his murder, and is the patron of wolves. © Catholic News Service

Heller



Diversions



Hawaii Catholic Harold's Quiz

We are nearing the end of 2015, quizzicals. There is always much to be grateful for, but this seems to be an especially special year. As we approach Advent, may we remember our many blessings. Here's an early gift for you - my latest quiz!

1) Saints

The Archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska, counts among its patron saints the patroness of musicians. Which saint, whose feast day is celebrated on Nov. 22, am I speaking of?

- a) St. Cecilia
- b) St. Catherine of Siena
- c) St. Clare of Assisi
- d) St. Clotilde

2) Scripture

According to the Gospel of Luke, how long did Mary, while pregnant with Jesus, stay with Elizabeth before returning home?

- a) 3 hours
- b) 3 days
- c) 3 weeks
- d) 3 months

3) Calendar

Which solemnity marks the end of the Catholic liturgical year?

- a) Solemnity of Christ the King
- b) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- c) Christmas
- d) Feast of the Holy Family

4) Liturgy

True or false: The "Gloria" is sung during Sunday Masses in Advent.

- a) True
- b) False

5) Religious orders

Father Louis Chauvet founded the "Daughters of the School" in France in 1696. This group of young women eventually became which religious order? (Hint: Sisters from this order presently run St. Anthony School in Kalihi)

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- a) Sisters of Divine Providence
- b) Daughters of St. Paul
- c) Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres
- d) Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

6) Church in Hawaii

True or false: Lanai is the only island in Hawaii with only one Catholic parish.

- a) True
- b) False

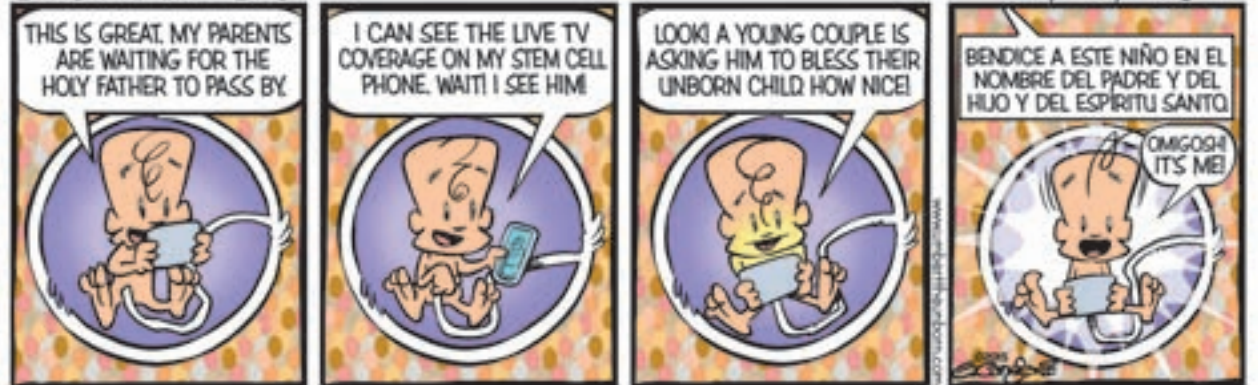
7) Current events

Pope Francis has been confirmed to visit early next year the world's second-most populous Catholic country. Which place am I speaking of?

- a) Brazil
- b) Philippines
- c) Mexico
- d) Portugal

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

Umbert the Unborn



Scripture search

PAT KASTEN

Gospel for November 22, 2015

Revelation 1: 5-8; John 18: 33b-37

Following is a word search based on the Second and Gospel readings for the Feast of Christ the King, Cycle B. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CHRIST	FAITHFUL	WITNESS
RULER	WHO LOVES US	FREED US
BLOOD	MADE US	GLORY
BEHOLD	PIERCED	AMEN
PILATE	KING	JEWS
ANSWERED	YOUR OWN	OTHERS
NATION	EVERYONE	MY VOICE

LOOK ON HIM

C S U D E E R F R F J O
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Catholic crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Holy ____
- 5 "Mercy!"
- 9 Yemen, in biblical times
- 14 Edison's middle name
- 15 "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor ____ nor gather into barns..." (Mt 6:26)
- 16 This Jesuit has a crater on the moon named for him
- 17 ____ accompli
- 18 Drinks (as a cat)
- 19 Cheerful
- 20 And so forth
- 22 Multitudes
- 23 Some houses
- 24 Book of Samuel character
- 25 There was no room here
- 26 Repulsive
- 30 Belonging to him
- 33 Biblical heroine
- 36 Enthusiastic okay, in Seville
- 37 Ready ____, here I come
- 39 Unbiased hirer, briefly
- 40 Part of an archipelago
- 41 Horse of mixed

color

- 42 One of the Magi
- 44 Jr. and Sr.
- 45 Like Michael or Raphael
- 47 Jamaican popular music
- 49 "What God ____ joined together..."
- 50 Juvenile
- 54 No one
- 57 Portrayed
- 58 Give merit
- 59 Symbol of the Holy Spirit
- 60 Church section
- 61 Inward feeling
- 62 Word from Pontius Pilate
- 63 Up and ____!
- 64 Snake
- 65 Idler's antithesis
- 66 Shot contents

Answer to previous puzzle



DOWN

- 1 Communion host
- 2 Tickle pink
- 3 Eject
- 4 ____ Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks"
- 5 The Maid of ____, St. Joan
- 6 "... by the mercy of God, we do not lose ____" (2



- 7 Soft lambskin leather
- 8 Roman goddess of plenty
- 9 ____ of Turin
- 10 Like Michael Jordan
- 11 Mild oath
- 12 The "B" of N.B.
- 13 Picnic intruders
- 21 Dogma
- 22 The woman wiped Jesus' feet with hers (Lk 7:38)
- 24 "Feed my ____." (Jn 21:17)
- 27 Greasy
- 28 Addict
- 29 Watches the kids
- 30 Israeli round dance
- 31 Metallic element
- 32 Obstacle
- 34 "Lord, ____ us to pray" (Lk 11:1)
- 35 OT book about a prophet who married a harlot
- 38 Unimportant
- 40 Bothered
- 42 Vatican ____
- 43 Into separate parts
- 46 Climbing device
- 48 Places of contest
- 50 Peter's ____
- 51 Angry
- 52 Crowbar
- 53 Dropsy
- 54 Launch grp.
- 55 Was indebted to
- 56 Musical group
- 57 Wealthy to Juan
- 59 Marry

Pope Francis: Keep Christ in Christmas

VATICAN CITY — Keeping the “Christ” in “Christmas” is part of not giving in to pressure to conform to the “norm” and become like nonbelievers, Pope Francis said in a morning homily.

Giving in to the things of the world is like saying, “Let’s put our ID up for auction. We are the same as everyone,” the pope said.

Celebrating an early morning Mass Nov. 16, Pope Francis warned against the very small, hidden way worldliness takes root in a culture and then leads to apostasy and religious persecution.

In fact, “the liturgy in these final days of the liturgical year” urges people to be careful of the “poisonous roots” that lead people away from God, he said. (Catholic News Service)

Augustus Tolton, son of slaves

CHICAGO — The life of former slave Father Augustus Tolton already reads like a novel, but now it is illustrated in full color in a new graphic book produced in partnership with Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago and Editions du Signe in France.

Father Tolton’s story — that of the first identified black priest in the United States — comes to life in the 48-page, 12-by-9-inch novel aimed at helping young people and adults learn about the extraordinary life of Father Tolton, according to Claude-Bernard Costecalde, director of publications for Editions du Signe.

The publishers worked closely with the Father Augustus Tolton Guild, the official organization promoting his sainthood cause, to ensure the story’s accuracy.

Born into slavery in Missouri, he fled with his mom and siblings to freedom in Illinois. He felt a call to the priesthood but no seminary in the United States would accept a black person. He studied in Rome and after ordination was sent back to his hometown to be a missionary to the community there. (CNS)

Hermit freelances religious life

FLORENCE, Italy — Julia Bolton Holloway, a Dante scholar with a doctorate in medieval studies, lives among some of the greatest monuments of the Renaissance.

She is also a Catholic “urban hermit,” who practices contemplative solitude when not tending the grounds of a Florence cemetery or assisting families of the migrant Roma population.

What the 78-year-old English-woman called her “crazy life” journey has included volunteer work in the U.S. civil rights movement, an unhappy marriage followed by divorce and a period as an Anglican nun. After her convent was closed following a financial dispute with Anglican bishops, she moved to Italy to find a new way of living her vocation.

Holloway attributes her decision to become Catholic to her favorite saint, the mystic St. Julian of Norwich, as well as to St. John XXIII, who took the first steps toward reconciling the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church. (CNS)

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Movie review | Spotlight

You won't want to see this film, but maybe you should

By John Mulderig

Catholic News Service

NEW YORK — The clergy abuse-themed drama “Spotlight” (Open Road) is a movie no Catholic will want to see. Whether it’s a film many mature Catholics ought to see is a different question entirely.

This hard-hitting journalism procedural — which inescapably invites comparison with 1976’s “All the President’s Men” — recounts the real-life events that led up to the public disclosure, in early 2002, of a shocking pattern of priestly misconduct within the Archdiocese of Boston. In the process, the equally disturbing concealment of such wrongdoing on the part of high ranking church officials also was laid bare.

One of the picture’s themes is the way in which Beantown’s inward-looking, small-town mentality contributed to the long-standing cover-up. For the supposed good of the community, locals suppressed the knowledge of what was happening, subconsciously choosing not to see what was transpiring just behind the scenes.

So it’s appropriate that the whitewash begins to peel away with the arrival of a stranger to the Hub, the newly imported editor of the Boston Globe, Marty Baron (Liev Schreiber). Marty’s outsider status isn’t just based on his geographical origins; he’s also Jewish.

Perplexed that his paper has devoted so little attention to the earliest cases in what would become, over time,



Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo, Brian d'Arcy James, Michael Keaton and John Slattery star in a scene from the movie “Spotlight,” which chronicles the Boston Globe’s uncovering of the clergy sex abuse scandal in the Archdiocese of Boston in 2002.

an avalanche of legal actions against clerics, Marty commissions the investigative unit of the title, which specializes in in-depth investigations of local stories, to dig deeper.

Led by even-keeled Walter ‘Robby’ Robinson (Michael Keaton), the Spotlight team — which also includes tightly wound Mike Rezendes (Mark Ruffalo), intrepid Sacha Pfeiffer (Rachel McAdams) and relentless research whiz Matt Carroll (Brian d’Arcy James) — uncovers a widespread and sickening scandal involving scores of clergymen and hundreds of young victims.

Director and co-writer Tom McCarthy maintains a

taut rhythm as he focuses primarily on the dogged professionalism required to breach the walls of secrecy surrounding a respected, and therefore protected, institution. And his script, penned with Josh Singer, apportioned blame across a broad spectrum that includes the Globe itself — John Slattery plays veteran editor Ben Bradlee Jr., whose semi-willful blindness to the problem typifies the attitude discussed above.

Like most of his colleagues, Slattery is a former Catholic, distanced from, but not — initially at least — embittered toward, the faith in which he was raised.

Witnessing the further fraying of the reporters’ already fragile ties to the church adds to the overwhelming sense of grief Catholic viewers will feel throughout “Spotlight.” Yet this generally accurate chronicle can provide them with a valuable insight into one of the darkest chapters in ecclesiastical history.

The movie is open to a few criticisms, large and small, however. The portrayal of Boston’s then-archbishop, Cardinal Bernard Law (Len Cariou), is predictably negative. But it also includes details that are subject to interpretation.

Thus Cardinal Law’s gift to

Marty of a copy of the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” is treated as a both a religious and social snub. Yet Cardinal Law played an important role in translating that landmark text into English, so his gift may have been motivated more by a sense of pride in one of the most significant accomplishments of his career than by a desire to cut the newcomer down to size.

Much more significantly, the screenplay’s uncritical adoption of the results of research conducted by ex-priest A.W. Richard Sipe (a figure heard but not seen) opens its analysis to legitimate questioning.

The thesis that the scandal was the inevitable outcome of the Latin church’s tradition of priestly celibacy — a discipline Sipe maintains is routinely violated by fully half the clergy, thus creating a culture of secrecy among them — is ill-founded, to say the least. To dispute that theory, however, is not at all to downplay the horrifying nature of what unfolds under this otherwise painfully illuminating “Spotlight.”

The film contains mature themes, multiple, sometimes coarse, references to perverse sexual acts, several uses of profanity as well as a few rough and numerous crude terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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Catholic leaders welcome ‘spotlight’ on church’s efforts on abuse

By Mark Pattison

Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Catholic leaders, both ordained and lay, said in op-ed essays they welcomed the attention certain to be paid to the Catholic Church upon the nationwide release of the movie “Spotlight,” which chronicles the Boston Globe’s uncovering of the clergy sex abuse scandal in the Archdiocese of Boston in 2002.

In the essays, they say the changes made by the church since the revelations made by the Globe have made children safer.

“No institution in the United States has done more in recent years than the Catholic Church to take proactive steps to protect children from the evil of sexual abuse,” wrote Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington in a Nov. 2 letter emailed to Catholics in his archdiocese. The letter was reprinted in the Nov. 5 issue of the Catholic Standard, Washington’s archdiocesan newspaper.

“While the film focuses on events of the past, viewers may think that the film is portraying the present situation in the church, concluding that nothing has changed in the church’s response to the sexual abuse of minors,” said an op-ed essay by Francesco C. Cesareo, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ National Review Board.

“However,” Cesareo added, “it is important to realize that the church has implemented numerous successful steps in the years since the revelations of abuse.”

The all-lay National Review Board was established by the bishops in 2002 to provide an independent review of policies and programs the bishops were establishing to prevent and respond to sexual abuse of minors, and assess their compliance in implementation of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” through an annual audit of each U.S. diocese and eparchy.

Cardinal Wuerl outlined steps taken in the Washington

Archdiocese to stop what he called the “shameful evil” of abuse.

“My wish is that other entities, like the public school system, would attempt to do what the church has done and offer the same level of protection to children in their care as we do,” Cardinal Wuerl said. “For this reason, the archdiocese has shared its materials with public schools and other societal institutions, and we have offered to meet with them to explain all we do to protect young people.”

“Over the last 13 years, the church has created safe environments for children and become a place where victims and survivors can begin a process of healing,” Cesareo said in his essay, published in The Catholic Free Press, newspaper of the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts. “Bishops across the United States — and around the world — have sought forgiveness for the lapses in church policy and decisions made that led to harm for its most innocent and cherished

members,” he said, “and will continue to apologize to victims and survivors for the abuse they have endured.”

But “the church has done more than apologize. It has enacted an aggressive program to encourage prevention of such abuse and to provide a comprehensive support system for victims and survivors,” added Cesareo, who is president of Assumption College in Worcester.

In an Oct. 30 column in The Catholic Free Press, Bishop Robert J. McManus of Worcester said it is “painful” to recall “the crisis of abuse of children by members of the Catholic Church” with the advent of “Spotlight.”

“These crimes were heinous and they represented a broken trust on the part of some leaders in the church to those who were harmed. While we are committed to restoring that trust, we know it will take time,” Bishop McManus added. “Yet it would be naive to think this is a problem that is limited to the Catholic Church or even to

faith groups in general.”

He quoted Pope Francis at the time the pope established the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors to oversee the global church’s response to sexual abuse: “Everything possible must be done to rid the church of the scourge of the sexual abuse of minors and to open pathways of reconciliation and healing for those who were abused,” the pontiff said.

The president of the commission is Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley of Boston — successor to Cardinal Bernard F. Law, who resigned amid criticism of his handling of clerical sex abuse cases as the scandal roiled the archdiocese.

Cardinal O’Malley said the movie’s release “depicts a very painful time in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States and particularly here in the Archdiocese of Boston. It is very understandable that this time of the film’s release can be especially painful for survivors of sexual abuse by clergy.”

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Quote

"I would never dare to give permission for this because it is not in my authority." | Pope Francis to a Lutheran woman married to a Catholic man who asked him what she and her husband could do to receive Communion together. The pope said he could not issue a general rule on shared Communion, but that the couple should pray, study and then act according to their consciences.

IN THE NEWS

Bishops call porn 'mortal sin'

WASHINGTON — A draft statement on pornography to be considered for approval by the U.S. bishops at their Nov. 16-19 fall general meeting in Baltimore calls pornography "mortal sin" and urges Catholics to turn away from it.

"Producing or using pornography is a mortal sin that needs to be confessed in order for the person to receive God's forgiveness," says the draft version of "Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography." "Those who produce and distribute pornography harm the common good by encouraging and even causing others to sin," it says.

The proposed statement noted, "Many people struggle with pornography use, including faithful Catholics, people of faith, people of no faith, married and single people, fathers and mothers, the young and the old, clergy and those in consecrated life." (CNS)

SAINTS UNDER 40

Journalist defended religious freedom

Blessed Anacleto González Flores was born on July 13, 1888, in Tepatlán, Jalisco, Mexico. As a law student during Catholic



persecutions in Mexico, Anacleto González felt compelled to protect the church. He was

involved in social and religious activities and was an enthusiastic member of the Catholic Association of Young Mexicans. He taught catechism, did works of charity and wrote articles defending the faith.

In 1922 he married María Concepción Guerrero and they had two children.

By 1926, the situation in Mexico had worsened. Learning of the murder of four fellow young Catholics, Anacleto joined the National League for the Defense of Religious Freedom. He founded the weekly newspaper "WORD" and wrote for other Catholic newspapers.

He was captured on April 1, 1927, with two others, jailed and tortured. Refusing to give his captors any information, Anacleto González was condemned to death and shot that same day. He was 38.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified him as a martyr on Nov. 20, 2005. (www.vatican.va)



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Doing our best to share the good news. #HawaiiCatholicHerald

Cruising Hamakua Coast with deacons and their wives. #LuckyWeLiveHawaii

Getting ready to bless the new St. Michael Church on the Big Island. #KonaCatholicCommunity

Sometimes the message you need to hear is found at the mall! #LiveLaughLoveAndShopOften

Enjoying the "fruits" of family time at Ko Olina. #WeekendFun

"A great day lies ahead in the not too distant future." #GoodFortune

Pope Francis, emoji style! #PopelnPhilly

A rainbow shines at the Augustine Educational Foundation reception. #Waikiki

Packing up for the World Meeting of Families! #WMOF2015

Fashion and faith in Philadelphia. #PopelnPhilly

Answered prayers: finally finding rice in Philly. #GoodEats

Double rainbow! #LuckyWeLiveHawaii

Received a rose before Mass at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral. #LittleFlower

Supporting our talented Catholic school students. #HawaiiCatholicSchools

Rose of Sharon hibiscus from a friend. #GodsGood

Remembering the faith of those who have gone before us. #KingStreetCatholicCemetery

What do you have to be thankful for? Check your cell phone

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Cultivating an "attitude of gratitude" as Thanksgiving Day approaches on Nov. 26 is as easy as checking your smart phone.

If you love snapping and shar-

ing on social media mobile pics of your delicious dinners, tremendous travels, Island panoramas and memories with loved ones, you've tapped into a great way to be mindful of God's blessings. These digital photo albums hold in many gigabytes visual cues of the big and

small ways the Lord has made his presence known in your life.

A year's worth of "thanks" was captured on my trusty iPhone in 2015. Here's what this random hodgepodge of photos would look like if it were posted on Instagram!

As God works in very diverse

ways, your "#Thanksgiving" images will naturally be different from the next person's. Sharing and seeing the numerous forms gratitude takes, however, surely will strengthen your faith – and the faith of those around you as well.

God is good. All the time!



LISA'S CATECHISM CORNER
Church teaching explained to you

How should we treat the environment?

YOUCAT*: We fulfill God's commission with regard to creation when we care for the earth, with its biological laws, its variety of species, its natural beauty and its dwindling resources, as a living space, and preserve it, so that future generations also can live well on earth. [2415]

I was sitting in a coffee shop on Kauai, watching the palm trees sway in the trades as an occasional rainfall came through. Having recently participated in a webinar on "Laudato Si," Pope Francis' encyclical on the care for our common home (earth), I began thinking about how blessed I am to live in Hawaii — a place with clean drinking water, where pollution is minimal, a place where we really do care for each other.

In his encyclical, the pope reminds us that we need to take care of more than just nature — we have to look at all of creation and how our misuse of resources affects people. The pope even gave us some practical suggestions: use less resources, don't waste food, recycle and reuse, care for other living beings, use public transit and carpool, spend and consume less.

*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

Social media role model

Today's Tip: Be a social media role model. Help young adults learn to face temptation and delete it.

Each generation is defined by a unique set of characteristics. However, no matter the characteristics, every young adult goes through the same set of "developmental tasks," cultivating (1) personal identity, (2) relationships, (3) meaning of work and (4) spiritual life.

When considering how these tasks are tackled, the generational characteristics are vital. For example, the social media staples of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest, were in existence throughout the young adulthood of all millennials. Many struggle with developing their personal identity and forming authentic relationships. A big part has to do with social media and its built-in temptation to alter your persona. One way to help young adults rise above this temptation is to be a role model. Be aware of what you share online. Social media is a tool and how it's used is up to you.

When struggling with social media, it's inspirational to see other people use it in an honest way. So, look at your own social media pages and ask yourself, "What kind of example are you setting for those in your networks?"

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