

# The Parish & School News

MAY 23, 2014

**1 KALAHEO**

**Holy Cross Parish**

First, two corrections to the previous parish report. There were 24 First Communicants instead of 30; and eight being confirmed instead of nine. With the eight from Holy Cross, **Bishop Larry Silva** will confirm 10 from St. Theresa Parish, Kekaha, here on May 25. They are **Aaron Castillo, Alyssa Pigao, Athena Abadilla, Brianna Palencia, Charissa K. Waalani, Jayden Fu, Jolina Pascua, Kacelin Hesapene, Tiffany Minia** and **Zaylin Minia**. Congratulations to all! ... Attention all 2014 college and high school graduates! Come to the **baccalaureate Mass**, 9:45 a.m., June 1. Contact **Charlie and Della Silva**, 742-6920, to confirm your attendance. ... Date and time will soon be announced for **CCD's end-of-year potluck**. **EDGE** is taking a break and will resume classes in August. ... Here is the schedule for the 5-6 p.m. **dinner service at the Holy Cross Soup Kitchen**. May 20, beef stew; May 27, kalua pig and cabbage; June 17, pork/peas/pimientos; June 24, Portuguese bean soup. Meals come with a starch and dessert. Donations are welcome for the June meals. Volunteers are invited to help set up, serve, clean up. ... Also, **food box distributions** will start soon. Keep your eyes open for the date! Called to serve in this ministry? Contact **Clarissa**, 651-9725. ... The **Parish Marriage and Family Ministry** will host a **workshop** in August for married couples and singles on the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage. ... We will be graced with two speakers in **May**. **Sarah Herrmann** will speak on family stewardship on May 24, and **Father Herman Gomes** who will speak about St. Damien's arrival and ordination in Honolulu 150 years ago this year. Father Herman's presentation will be our **parish Easter retreat**, May 31-June 2. ... Come to **Bingo Night** June 7, 6-8 p.m., in the parish hall and invite family and friends who stopped coming to church. Prizes are needed. ... Our parish welcomed the following newly baptized, first communicants, and confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass: **Kyra Caberto, Dyarene Chang Wo, Christopher Corpuz, Madeline Espinoza, Jacie-Lynn Farbo, Sherwood Hara, Kaikae Iwase, Zyrah-Lee Ramson** and **Caitlin Tachibana**. Congratulations to each of you! ... Finally, on behalf of our parishioners at Holy Cross and **Sacred Heart Mission**, I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to **La Salette Father Edison Pamintuan** for his enthusiasm, creative ideas, his vision for our parish community, his singing voice, in short, for his ministry. Under Father Edison's leadership, Holy Cross became a very active parish with opportunities for parishioners to grow in faith. Weekly faith formation classes, retreats, picnics, Zumba and Insanity classes, ukulele classes, and opportunities for parish ministries to attend the L.A. Congress are just some activities that have become part of parish life under Father Edison's tenure. New ministries like Prayer Shawl, Rosary, Fitness



for Christ, and most recently the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, impact the parish and the wider community. We wish **Father Edison** a safe journey and pray for continued blessings on his ministry as he leaves our parish for his next assignment. Aloha e mahalo nui loa, **Father Edison**, and God bless. Pictured is **Father Edison** with **Lucina Cabanting**, left, and **Caroline Freudig**. (Reported by *Julia Cabating*)

**2 EWA**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**

Our parish youth continue to love **St. John Paul II** and have brought this love to our current Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, who has made **St. John Paul II** the patron saint of World Youth Days. From the Vatican to Rio de Janeiro to Ewa Beach, the youth continue to be on fire! In this issue, we highlight a significant youth leader of our parish, **Maile Lopez**, who has been a parishioner since 2009. Maile is a unit leader in the youth ministry, which has 25-30 dedicated youth. As a young adult, Maile spends two-three hours each Friday evening with the youth, assists with three to four retreats a year, and works very closely with **Father Mike Dalton**, our pastor, with other needs or assignments. Maile has two older sisters, **Leiticia** and **Hauani**. Maile says about our youth: "Their passion grows seeing the love of God in them. Small impacts make them very happy." May God bless you, Maile, and all the work you do! (Reported by *Normand HJ Robert*)

**3 EWA BEACH**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

"Let the children come to me" was the theme of the celebration of our **First Reconciliation** May 12. The quote from the Gospel of Matthew also captured the spirit of the gathering song "God Is Here" by **Carey Landry**. Sixty children and six teens heard the words of forgiveness through the ministry of the church. **Father Nap Andres** from St. Joseph, Waipahu, assisted our parochial vicar **Father Gerry Somera** and our parish administrator **Father Ed Barut**, shown here putting on a heart pendant on one of the children. A first reconciliation retreat on April 26 helped the children and parents prepare for the sacrament. At the break-out sessions, **Confirmation catechists** facilitated the children's groups and confirmed while RCIA catechist **Sandi Javar** facilitated the parents' session. A make-up retreat was available to those who could not come April 26. First Communion is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 24. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)

**4 WAIPIO**  
**Resurrection of the Lord Parish**

On May 10, **Bishop Larry Silva** conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on 15 young people: **Raina Andres, Stephanie Araki, Julian Guting, Aaron Johnson, Joseph Lauritzen, Nicole Luis, Kali Lyons, Tabatha Magarafuji, Jonathan Mar, Maegen Martin, Daniel Maximo, Sydney Millerd, Nadine**

**Muyano, Karly Patulingan and Kanani Tramuto**. The confirmandi renewed their baptismal promises and accepted the graces granted a fully initiated Catholic Christian. In his homily, **Bishop Larry** told of seeing a shepherd with his sheep waiting to cross a busy street in Mexico City. He said the sheep recognized the shepherd's voice through the noise of a busy city and trusted that he would lead them safely. He said Jesus is our shepherd and we should recognize his voice and trust in him. He said that, unlike graduation, Confirmation marks the beginning of a person's faith journey, not the end. It strengthens a person's spirit so he or she can witness to Jesus and share him with others. After two years of preparation, the newly confirmed thanked their confirmation catechist **Liz Shippen** for her love, support and guidance. They also thanked her for 16 years of dedicated service to the parish, as she steps back from serving as confirmation catechist. She will continue to be a part of the parish. Like confirmation, Auntie Liz's decision is also a new beginning. Congratulations to our newly confirmed and thanks to Auntie Liz for her many years of service. (Reported by *Stephanie Araki*)

**5 PAPAIAKOU**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

The crowning of **Our Blessed Mother** on May 3 began with parishioners reciting the rosary, processing to her statue, placing floral offerings at the base of her statue and the crowning by **Jessica Valdez**. Two angels,

**Jordyn Kawachi** and **Garnet Galdones**, scattered petals along the route as parishioners sang songs of praise to **Our Lady**. Pictured from left: **Garnet, Jessica** and **Jordyn**. Thank you to the **Filipino Catholic Club** and **Marie Matsumura** for coordinating the event.

... Our **Youth and Young Adults Ministry** ended their religious education year with a family potluck. Among their church and community projects, one really stood out. It took them four months to cut, create and sew 14 baby quilts, which were donated to the **Mary Jane Program** and the **Pregnancy Problem Center**, both on Oahu. ... Delegates to the **2015 L.A. Religious Education Congress** in Anaheim will hold their **rummage and teri beef plate sale** on May 31 and June 1. They are also planning a **One Ton Chip and Cookie sale**, **Cafe 100 chili tickets**, **poinsettia potted plants** and a **holiday bazaar** and craft sale. (Reported by *Pat Phillips*; photo by *Inez Johnson*)

**6 WAHIAWA**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**

Our parish has been blessed with the best loving and caring shepherd priests of God. On special occasions, parishioners are given appreciation. Last Sunday, for **Mother's Day Mass**, **Father Richard McNally** gave God's blessing to all mothers, **godmothers, grandmothers and caregiver mothers**. He also handed each mother a beautiful tiny woven utility box tied on a chopstick with beautiful ribbons

as they lined up to the altar. The box contained something good inside. Guess? Of course, you can use the box for your favorite jewelry, vitamins or medicine after using it with the thing inside. It comes very handy inside a tiny purse. (Reported by *Pacita Barron*)

**7 KULA**  
**Kula Catholic Community**

Our parish is extremely fortunate to have many living treasures who continue to inspire us with their dedication and love for the church and God. It is through their example that we, as a parish, are able to continue with the timeless traditions many of our kupuna started over 100 years ago. This year we celebrate the 122nd year of the Holy Ghost Feast during Pentecost and we invite everyone to come and experience a small town community with a generous heart. Pictured are a few of our own "living treasures" taking a break from the Easter Brunch festivities: **Damien and Lorraine Pires** and **Dorothy and Clifford DePonte**. (Reported by *Mary Jean S. Bega*)

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

**E.J. Resinto**, who spent his seminary pastoral year at our parish, will soon return to his seminary studies. He will be dearly missed. E.J. is pictured with some of the Hawaiian choir members after the 7 a.m. Hawaiian Mass on May 4. From left, **Lovena Pocho Youderian, Linda Deguaire, Resinto, Melvine Kualii, Thelma Baxca, Shyran Deguaire, Walter Baxca**. (Reported by *Shirley David*)

**10 HAIKU**  
**St. Rita Parish**

On May 4, seven children received their First Holy Communion. The children participated in the liturgy by singing beautiful songs, offering prayers and presenting gifts. **Father**



celebrate with us the feast day of **St. Damien**. It was on this same date in 1873 that **Damien** arrived at the Hansen's disease settlement here. At **St. Philomena's Church** in Kalawao, the location of the original settlement, the saint's relic had been placed in the center of the sanctuary by the careful hands of **Sister Alicia Damien Lau** and **Meli Watanuki**. Quietly **Audrey** took her place in the church. Her casual blue hat may have concealed her halo but it did not veil her quietly peaceful face or her gentle humor. It was an honor to have her in our congregation for the celebration of our Mass in honor of **St. Damien**. She is pictured here on the right with friend **Dr. Maria DeVera**. (Reported by *Father Patrick Killilea, ss.cc.*)

**11 HONOLULU**  
**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish**  
**Dallas Carter**, left, leads a talk on the four Marian dogmas at one of the parish's weekly **Thematic Thursdays**, learning sessions featuring various guest speakers and topics led by **S.H.W.A.Y.** and the **Youth and Young Adult Ministry**. (Reported by the parish)

**12 KEKAHA**  
**St. Theresa Parish**  
On May 2, parishioners and friends of our pastor **La Salette Father Arnel Soriano** celebrated his 10th anniversary of priesthood with dinner at Keoki's Paradise in Poipu. Joining them were fellow **La Salette priests**, **Father Rene "Biz" Bisailon**, **Father Edison Pamintuan**, pastor of Holy Cross and **Father Augustine Uthuppu**, pastor of St. Raphael. We all

wish **Father Arnel** a Happy Anniversary (May 4) and ask God to continue to bless him in his priestly vocation. (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*; photo by *Gerry Mararagan*)

**13 KAHULUI**  
**Christ the King Parish**  
The highlight of our Easter celebration was the 5 a.m. traditional commemoration of **Easter Sunday "Salubong"** or the encounter of Jesus after his resurrection with his mother, the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, with little angels singing "Regina Laetare." We are proud to have this old Philippines tradition in its fourth year here at our parish thanks to **Father Efrén Tomas**. This tradition has been made possible by the parish **Marian Club** and its choir, which built and decorated the "alleluia booth" and taught the grade school children to sing like angels. The angels, in alphabetical order, are **Lord John Andam, Angelina Ancheta, Bridget Ancheta, Ralph Christian Arieta, Ginnelle Bautista, Jessica Mae Castillo, Michelle Lennie Castillo, Annika Cordero, Charlyn Mae Flores, Renzo James Gaoiran** (soloist), **Jayson Gumpal, Archer Magsayo, Irene Magsayo, Chloe Manlansang, Anela Menor, Ysabelle Menor, Aaliyah Mitchell, Aiyanah Mitchell, Cayleb Obrero, Naomi Pigao** (soloist), **Meldge Julzeza Ponce, Isabella Punzalan, Janilyn Rivera, Michelle Rumbaoa, Trisha Mae Rumbaoa, Heather Suberano, Juells Stribling-Cortez, Sierra**

**14 EWA BEACH**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**  
On May 2 we celebrated our annual **crowning of Mother Mary** and **May Day pageant**. Despite the inclement weather, the students enthusiastically danced through the rain. Second-grade **Maoris Natalie Tolentino, Sofia Rodriguez-Allison** and **Alexis Natividad**, pictured, were all smiling as they anxiously waited to perform their **New Zealand** dance number "Hoki Mai." The theme for our **Lei Day** festival was "Pipikahi Holomua," "Unite to move forward." Students from **kindergarten through eighth grade** dressed in beautiful and colorful costumes, each class representing one of the eight Hawaiian Islands. The event included the crowning of the **Blessed Virgin** with flowers, songs of praise and prayer, followed by the crowning of the **May Day king and queen** by their respective parents. All the performers did their very best and the audience was filled with joy. The **kindergarten class** danced and sang their hearts out to "Over the Rainbow" popularized by Hawaiian singer **Israel Kamakawiwoole**. Parents, relatives, benefactors and friends enjoyed the program and we thank them for their unending support and

presence. The event was a tremendous success. (Reported by *Tracy Spencer and Erlinda Ceria*; photo by *Thalia Woodward*)

**15 PEARL CITY**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel School**  
At our annual **May Day** program on May 2, all grades performed songs from movies. The program began with a prayer in Hawaiian by fourth graders **Joseph Akeo** and **Carolyn Carter**. Seventh grader **Joshua Smith** blew the conch shell announcing the **May Day Court** and eight princesses representing each of the Hawaiian Islands, along with her escort, processed onto our natural, grassy stage. They wore colorful, fragrant haku leis and other adornments symbolizing the islands. The crowd stood as the king and queen, eighth graders **John Nguyen** and **Sierra Abley**, joined the other court members. As their parents crowned the king and queen with the wonderful floral headpieces, you could hear "vows" from the audience. We were mesmerized by the entertainment. The **kindergartners**, dressed in silk robes, showcased martial arts moves as they performed to "Kung Fu Fighting." "Hakuna Matata" was the **third graders'** song as they sported masks from the "Lion King." The **second graders** showed how they "Like to Move it, Move it," while the **fourth graders** danced to "Happy" from "Despicable Me." Pictured is our 2014 **May Day Court**. First row from left: **Maxwell Spencer** (Lanai); **Christian Souza** and **Raven**

**Kiyota-Au** (Niihau); **John Nguyen**; **Sierra Abley**; **Catherine Loiselle** and **Cristian Fernandez** (Kahoolawe). Second row, from left: **Anela Pajimula** (Molokai); **Lyndsey Sasada** (Lanai); **Sean Kaolelono** (Molokai); **Angelyne Loiselle** and **E.J. McGhiey** (Hawaii); **Benjamin Aglugub** (Kauai); **Arielle Pajimula** and **Matthew Valencia** (Mau); **Jonah Kea** and **Asia Maluyo** (Oahu). Missing: **Sheldyn Chinen** (Kauai) (Reported by *Ginger Kamisugi*)

**16 HONOLULU**  
**Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School**

Our intermediate speech team participated in the final meet of the year at Punahou School. Of the 10 participating schools, our students earned the highest number of superiors and the highest percentage of superiors. The girls competed in storytelling, impromptu speaking, duo interpretation, and program/poetry reading. **Susan Phillips** and **Jill Sprott** coached the team of students in grades five to eight. (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)

**17 HONOLULU**  
**Damien Memorial School**

Special congratulations to these students recently inducted to the **National Honor Society**. Class of 2015: **Bryson Cadiz, Kai Munechika** and **Bonnie James Rivad**. Class of 2016: **Haley Barnard, Mabel Bernaldez, Christopher Friedrichs, Jacob Isler, Tyra Mahealani Kaukau, Merlyne Mendoza, Mikayla Min, Huy**

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**Nguyen, Rene Justin Nillo, Justin Paeste and Ella Lani Sanchez.** Class of 2017: **Bridget Barnard, Caleb Burnett, Sarina Gaines and Anna Harder.** These amazing students will join the current 20 members in the 2014-15 school year. During the candlelight ceremony, proud parents presented gold honor cords to their child. Membership in the Damien Memorial School Chapter of the National Honor Society are earned through the demonstration of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Congratulations to all the members! (Reported by Diane M. Lota; photo by Christian Cubacub)

**18 KAILUA St. John Vianney School**  
The robotics team under the guidance of fourth grade teacher **Mrs. Earleen Victorino** took first place in a May 10-11 robotics competition in Hilo. Principal **Mrs. Caryn DeMello** said to the team, "Congratulations to you. We are so proud of you." Team members were **Cole Jamila** (co-CEO-technical engineer), **Olivier Saint-Cyr** (co-CEO-pilot), **Luke Flanagan** (pilot), **Garret Herndon** (engineer), **Nalu Lifftee** (lineman) and **Joshua Humel** (CFO). ... On May 3, the school concert band received a rating of "excellent" after performing two numbers in the **OBDA Parade of Bands** festival at Ewa Makai Middle School. It was the first time an ensemble from our school performed in a concert band festival. "We didn't intend to perform for a rating," said music teacher **Ms. Dana Arbaugh**, but we received a rating of excellent! Congratulations to the young musicians and the culture of responsibility and dedication they are establishing at the school, said Mrs. DeMello. (Reported by Earl Walker)

**WAIHEE St. Ann Parish**  
On May 10, **Cyrrille Clemente, Hanale Kauhahaa, Chyanne Kamakana and Breven Cajuodoy** received their First Holy Communion, under the instruction of **Becky Nobriga and Cenia Dela Cruz.** **Father Dionisio De Lota** celebrated the Mass. On May 14, **Melyssa Agban-**

**naoag, Justin Dumlaog, Sharon Manini, Grace Manini and Hulali Akima-Kalalau** received Confirmation from **Father Gary Secor.** Their instructor is **Junaita Kauhahaa.** May these students be directed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they continue their faith journey! (Reported by Frances Asuncion)

**WAILUKU St. Anthony of Padua Parish**  
Join our parishioners who are embarking on a **Holy Land Pilgrimage**, Sept. 24-Oct. 2. They will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum, Qumran, Caesarea, Megiddo, Via Dolrosa, Garden of Gethsemane and Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The journey includes daily Mass with **Father Allen DeLong**, deluxe motor coaches, guided sightseeing, entrance fees to sites visited, hotels, buffet breakfast and dinner daily, hotel gratuities, program fees and roundtrip airfare. Price are \$3,696 from Kahului and \$3,796 from Honolulu. The next informational meeting is 6 p.m. June 3 in the Deacon Borges Meeting Room. For information, contact Patricia Lopez after May 23 at (808) 242-5447 or (808) 283-6139 or lopezp007@hawaii.rcm.com. (Reported by Brenda Phillips)

**NUUANU St. Stephen Parish**  
Our **Easter Vigil** began with the lighting and blessing of the paschal candle by our pastor **Father Khanh**, assisted by **Deacon Ronald Choo.** Our parish family welcomed **Andrew Echard** and **Todd Aoki** who were baptized, confirmed and received the Eucharist. **Laura Metcalf** was confirmed and received the Eucharist. Congratulations to our new parish members. ... Our parish social justice ministry hosted **four homeless families** (eight adults and seven children) May 11-18 through **Family Promise of Hawaii.** Parishioners volunteered their time and talents providing overnight lodging in the **Stephen Patrick Alencastre Memorial Building** (SPAM) and meals in the parish hall. Volunteers signed up to prepare dinner each night and be hosts for the evening, donate food and needed supplies, make a financial donation, clean and prepare the rooms for the families, be overnight hosts and do laundry after the guests leave. A big mahalo to the organizers and volunteers for your participation and generosity and for your works of charity! This is Family Promise's fourth visit with our parish. (Reported by Ginny Jordan)

**MAKAKILO St. Jude Parish**  
All religious classes are pau for the summer! Mahalo to all our **catechists and aides** for their TLC this year! Big mahalo to our director of religious education **Bonnie Boquer** and our ministry coordinator **Tony Boquer** for the endless support! Eleven RCIA participants were welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil; 31 were confirmed on April 30; and 51 received First Communion on May 10. (Reported by Caren Sue Argensia)

**WAIALUA St. Michael Parish**  
On May 17, the parish **Filipino Catholic Club** held a **rosary procession** at 4 p.m. in the school playground followed by honoring the statue of **Our Blessed Mother** by placing a crown of flowers on her head and flowers at her feet before



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the 5 p.m. Mass. Parishioners were invited to join the FCC for the procession, Mass and the potluck dinner that followed in St. Damien Hall. (From the parish bulletin)

**19 WAILUKU St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School**  
**Preston Waianuheha Masanda and Kaitlin Elizabeth Hoo Hiki A Ke Akua Kim** were crowned May Day king and queen at our **2014 May Day Hoike.** This year's theme: **Ku I Ka Mana, an olelo noeau** refers to how children learn and are nurtured by the ones who have taught them. **Masanda, the son of Brandon Masanda and Ravan Pavao,** is a 2014 graduate headed to Concordia University in Portland, Oregon, where he'll major in psychology. **Kim** has been accepted to Chaminade University in Honolulu and plans to pursue a degree in elementary education and minor in physical health. Her parents are **Catherine Nobriga Kim and John D. Kim** from Kahului. **Kumu Lilyana Koa** guided the students through the program. (Reported by Claudine San Nicolas)

**20 KAILUA St. Anthony School**  
On April 26, **fourth grader Iris Sloane** represented our school in the annual "**Brown Bags to Stardom**" competition. ... Congratulations to the **second graders,** many of whom received their **First Holy Communion** on April 27. ... This was the first year of our school Speech Club led by **Mrs. Renuka Coles.** The speech students have proven themselves to be eloquent and animated orators. Three of the five who participated in the speech festival at Punahou re-

ceived medals for their superior scores. Congratulations to **Ana Cabra** (fifth) **Maile Wallace** (seventh), **Finley Brakke** (fifth), **Carson Oot** (fifth) and **Noah Ah Mook Sang** (fifth) for their outstanding participation. ... Congratulations to **Annalise Buskerus** (eighth) and **Alyssa Kauwachi** who wrote "dream-themed" haikus that were selected out of 800 other submissions in the **Japan Airlines Writing Contest.** They were awarded certificates and prizes for their outstanding work. ... The theme of our May Day Celebration on May 2 was "Na Pua o Kailua," "flowers (children) of Kailua." Pictured are eighth graders leading the school in a song written and composed by **Mr. Kipa Stern.** ... **Summer school registration** is underway. Summer school runs June 9-July 11. For information, visit [www.sas-kailua.org](http://www.sas-kailua.org) or the school office. (Reported by Kristie Carpenter)

**21 WAILUKU St. Anthony Grade School**  
We assembled in the church center to celebrate **May Day** on May 7. The program, "He Lei Poina Ole Ke Keiki" ("A Beloved Child Is a Lei Never Forgotten"), was dedicated to **Myckel Genovia,** a fifth grade student who passed away this year. All grades performed in her memory under the direction of **Mrs. Karen Takeshita.** Each grade represented a Hawaiian island with a prince and princess from their class. Pictured: **King Parker Almeida, Queen Lia Delizo and Princess Mahie Miyagawa.** (Reported by Teri Tavares)

**22 HONOLULU St. Anthony School**  
This year's Royal Court are **Queen Madison Manuailehua Barcelona and King Brandon Colin Sagocio;** Princess of Hawaii Island **Tricia Marie Reyes** and escort **Sean Saoit;** Princess of Maui **Tyler Elisa Cepeda** and escort **Nyl Bryan Parial;** Princess of Oahu **Jenna Pedro** and escort **Mason Royce Daoang;** Princess of Kauai **Xavier Downey-Silva** and escort **Jacob Sweet;** Princess of Molokai **Kayleen Barreno** and escort **Brad Sagocio;** Princess of Lanai **Ethel Angeli Guillermo** and escort **Hunter Tacut-Carrero;** Princess of Niihau **Arienne Moses** and escort **Christian Carlos Ganotisi;** Princess of Kahoalawe **Tyra Tabayoyong** and escort **Kyle Beltran Haney.** Kahili bearers: **Makoaihiani Resentes, Nicolas Badua, Kendall Ramehl, Joseph Kyle Calibo, Dylan Anchetta, Tobias Almeida, Aiden Orden** and **Abel Nguyen.** Ladies in waiting: **Rebecca Meyer, Crown Bearer, Haycel Maluyo and Amery Mamuad, Royal Kahili Bearer, Ehren Madrano, Mea Pu Kani Angito Alsalud Jr. and Mackenna Barcelona.** (Reported by Tess Reyes)

**25 HONOLULU St. John the Baptist School**  
Our school would like to congratulate our students who took part in the **Board of Water Supply** poster and poetry contest! Thank you to their language arts teachers **Mrs. Mary Wellein** and **Sister Mark Berdin, O.R.,** for their support for our students. Congratulations to the following students who placed in each category. Posters, fifth-sixth grade division, **Frances Constantino** (second place) and **Erika Macaraog** (third place). Poetry, seventh-eighth grade division, **Rhesel Rivera** (first place), **Joiel Fiesta** (second place), **Kyle Constantino** (third place), **Melton Phillip Jr.** (fourth place) and **Jared Cadiz** (honorable mention). (Reported by Ainona M. Petelo)

**24 HONOLULU Star of the Sea Early Learning Center**  
Pictured are students **Nathan**

**23 HONOLULU Maryknoll School**  
Once again, our school scored big in the annual **Nene Book Award Competition** with 13 winners and honorable mentions, more than any other

school. The Nene is an annual statewide reading program open to all fourth, fifth and sixth graders in public, private and home schools. This year, the competition was based on the 2013 Nene Book, "Middle School: the Worst Years of My Life" by **James Patterson.** Students wrote essays, drew posters, or created digital media presentations. The winners were honored at an award ceremony and hosted at a luncheon. Maryknoll students included **Phoenix Ferriman, Reece Kadota, Brendan-Jae Acob Supnet, Caela Caberto, Chay Cunningham, Allison Kanenaga, Catherine Choi, Hailey Shi, Kayci Yang, Yukiko Hughes, Logan Choo, Austin Chun and Chance Otsuki.** A Maryknoll team also participated in an online Jeopardy game against Pearl Ridge Elementary and won! Questions were based on the 30 nominees for the 2014 Nene Book. The victorious team members were **Tiffanie Chang, Austin Chun, Matthew Chun, Madison Hack, Taylor Heatherly, Yukiko Hughes, Ariel Ma and Megan Otani.** Maryknoll congratulates all winners and students who participated in this extra-curricular project that promotes reading and creativity. (Reported by Loryn Guiffre)



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**White, Guillermo Gutierrez and Chase Anderson** performing their version of the "Mexican Hat Dance" to celebrate **Cinco de Mayo.** (Reported by Joan Gomes)

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**26 KAPAA St. Catherine School**  
On May 1, we celebrated the **May Crowning Mass.** **First graders** led the procession under the direction of **Mrs. Julie Cruz.** All students placed flowers at the foot of the statue of Mary and voices sang out "Hail Holy Queen." **First grader Shania Rosa** and **first grader Jude Washburn** placed crowns on the images of

the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother while **sixth grader Cecelia Lindsey** sang "On This Day Beautiful Mother." The **second graders** shared their voices as well as meaningful gestures with the song "Gentle Woman" during the Communion meditation. **Father Anthony** presided during the Mass and crowning. After Mass, everyone processed over to the school for the unveiling of a beautiful mural of the Madonna and Child. **Mrs. Sally Harrison,** our after-school care facilitator as well as a very talented artist, did this beautiful painting, which Father Anthony blessed. ... On May 10, we had a potluck farewell dinner for **Father Rameil.** We are sad to see him go, but wish him the best as he goes on to become a U.S. Army chaplain. **Father Rameil** will now be **Captain Rameil** as he shepherds our troops. We will continue to keep him in our prayers. (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

**27 MAKAWAO St. Joseph Early Learning Center**  
The parish and school this month enjoyed a its annual St. Joseph Feast. The event started with the decorating of the game, food booths and stage on May 1. On May 2 the feast opened with a May crowning ceremony performed by the top script sellers, preschool student **Tayvan Haupu** and runner-up **Kahiau Ramos.** The students performed songs and there

was an honoree presentation and booth decorating awards. On May 3 featured an auction, entertainment, a kendama challenge and a visit from Elmo and friends. The last day, May 4, had a live animal auction and local entertainment. It was a time to enjoy fellowship, unity and good food. Pictured are **Father Leonard Ssempijja** and early learning center teachers **Mrs. Renette Koa** and **Mrs. Alicia Cordeiro** decorating the Coke toss game booth. The feast is a major fundraiser for the parish and school. We would like to thank all who worked so hard to make this wonderful event such a blessing to all who came. (Reported by Helen Souza)

**28 HILO St. Joseph Grade School**  
We congratulate 35 students from St. Joseph Church and Elementary School who received Christ for the first time at the annual **First Holy Communion Mass** with **Father Samuel Loterte** at 9 a.m. on May 4. (Reported by Christlyn Villena)

**29 WAIPAHU St. Joseph School**  
Our school choir participated with the **America Sing!** concert on the Mall in Washington, D.C., April 4-5. Seventeen students from the fourth, fifth and eighth grades were accompanied by principal **Beverly Sandobal;** vice principal **Sister Judith Abique, SPC;**

and events in our American heritage. The cold weather was an eye-opener for many, and being without rice for a week was agony for some! Thank you, America Sing! God Bless America! (Reported by Irene Sandry)

**30 KEKAHA St. Theresa School**  
Our school celebrated **May Day** on May 3 with song and dance from Hawaii and its Polynesian neighbors throughout the Pacific. **Grades pre-K through eight** entertained family and friends with their impressive performances. **Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kaelelani Aloha Public Charter School** also participated along with **Na Hula O Kaohiku-kapulani Halau** doing a Tahitian performance. Topping off the festivities, the **Mike Drake Ohana (Emsley, Kaylynn, Kalapawai and Dad Mike)** thrilled the crowd with their fire knife dance skills. Food, refreshments and baked goods were available for purchase and, as always, were onolicioust! All in all, this was another memorable May Day program, thanks to all the hard work of the students, faculty, staff and volunteers. Pictured is the **May Day Court** with **King Denez Haley** and **Queen Emma Kelekoma** reigning. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Melissa Kelekoma)

**31 AIEA St. Elizabeth School**  
The **PTG** sponsored a service project in support of **Matson's Ka Ipu Aina Program.** On May 3, volunteer students, parents and families gathered at 8 a.m. at Neal Blaisdell Park in Waimalu to pick up trash. This put into practice our student learning expectation of "global awareness" and gave the students and opportunity to do community service. **Matson** will contribute \$1000 to our school for successfully completing our cleanup. (Reported by Sharon Nagasawa)

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