

The Parish & School News

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1 WAIMEA

Annunciation Parish

Father Stephen Macedo blessed 32 catechists, including youth ministers and kid's word catechists, here and at **Ascension Mission** in Puako. Pictured is religious education coordinator **Jane Aganus** introducing catechists in Waimea. (Reported by *Mary Erickson*; photo by *Marlene Hochuli*)



Mei Chan, Abriana Burusso, Teresita Luis, Matta Tai Nguyen, Vinnie Lopez, Bernie Lopez, Aubrey Fernandez, Gloria Yabut, Fe Coloma, Philip Mulno, Joel and Lily Nurusawa for maintaining our church and grounds immaculately. These people spend a portion of their Saturday morning weekly keeping our church beautiful. If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish. (From the parish bulletin)

2 EWA

Immaculate Conception Parish

We, as a church and individually, should be striving to increase our stewardship. **Bishop Larry Silva**, along with **Father Mike Dalton**, has challenged us to take a look at our individual stewardship and our stewardship as a church. "Remember, the building is not the church, we are the church!" Our first individual is **Cristina Camat**. A parishioner for the 15 years, Cristina has six children and 13 grandchildren. As the church custodian, she opens the church each morning, sets up the altar for daily Mass, purifies all the chalices and ciboriums daily and coordinates monthly church cleanings. Cristina is also a eucharistic minister and participates in the parish **Centering Prayer Group**. When asked why she continues her stewardship, she replied "I feel the Holy Spirit every time I enter the church." Lastly, Cristina loves to bake Filipino desserts. Whether for a church activity or an individual request, she finds time to fulfill all requests for her "famous" baked goods. Mahalo Cristina for being a true example of giving your time, talent, and treasure to our church and our Lord! (Reported by *Normand HJ Robert*)



7 PALAMA

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Father Gregorio Honorio Jr. commissioned the **religious education teachers** on Catechetical Sunday. The grades represented were K-8th and Confirmation I and II. The attendees filled the church at capacity. Several teachers served as readers and lead the church in Universal Prayer. In his homily, Father Gregorio said, "No matter what you do, big or small, remember the most important is that you do it with love." **Sister Mercedita Estrella**, director of religious education, called each of the catechists forward. Father Greg blessed the catechists with holy water, handed out certificates and recognition. The church responded with an appreciative round of applause. (Reported by *Oswald Bumanglag*)



3 KAHULUI

Christ the King Parish

La Salette Father Joseph Pilotin, assisted by parish worship commissioner **Mila Corpuz**, inducted the following altar servers who have completed their education and training and have been examined and proven fit for the ministry: **Kyrell Agaran, Allain Jerico Alejo, Dhia Lei Alejo, Kristine Caluntad, Jessica Mae Castillo, Keilah Galiza, Krystal Garcia, Luke Kahuhu, Danica Luis, Jared Magaoay, Angeline Manzano, Caitlin Moore, Ari Timothy Pablo, James Pacubas, Jaymar Quedding, Jeselle Quedding, Janilyn Rivera and Trisha Mae Rumbaoa**. Congratulations, altar servers! Go now and serve the Lord. (Reported by *Audie Pascual*)



8 PAPAIKOU

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

On Aug. 7, preparations were taken to protect our office files, computer, Xerox machine, etc. from the wake of **Hurricane Iselle**, but by the grace of God we were spared. The storm only left leaves and branches scattered around the grounds. ... The delegates planning to go to the **Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, California**, in 2015 are still busy fundraising like selling One Ton chips and One Ton cookies. Future projects include selling potted poinsettias, a holiday bazaar and craft sale, and a chili sale. ... Our **Filipino Catholic Club** sponsored a novena Sept. 20-28 in honor of **San Lorenzo Ruiz**. San Lorenzo is the first Catholic Filipino saint and is thus the protomartyr of the Philippines. He was killed for refusing to leave Japan and renounce his Catholic beliefs during the 17th century persecution of Japanese Christians. ... On Catechetical Sunday, our **catechists and aides** were commissioned and honored at the 10 a.m. Mass. These dedicated individuals give their time and talents to assure that the parish youth come to know the Lord and accept him as their Savior. God bless them all. Front from left, **Analisa Yanagi, Lillian Tavares, Eden Patino, Paulione Aughe**. Back from left, **Reynard Galdones, Inez Johnson, Tasha Haimoto-Leite, James Pratt Jr., Keshia Kubo, Callie Villanueva, Oarlene Wingate, Shelly Wingate, Joyce Yafuso**. Missing: **Pamela Lyman, Nancy Chong, Mary Virginia Gray, Marymelba Sakanoi and Ashton Greenleaf**. (Reported

In 1986 he was commissioned as chaplain in the **U.S. Navy** and served for 20 years with the rank of lieutenant commander. He returned to the Diocese of Honolulu and, after more parish assignments, came to our parish and completed seven years as pastor. In appreciation and gratitude, the parish honored him July 6 with a celebration at which he was presented with a **papal blessing**. Father Adrian is now pastor emeritus at our parish where he continues to render pastoral assistance. The padre is indeed called to serve as priest forever. Ad multos annos! (Reported by *Fran Kovaloff*; photo by *Jun Cortez*.)

also received an activity calendar for the catechetical year, including opportunities for stewardship hours. Pictured are parents sharing their reflection on Matthew 7:21-29. The teams of catechists were also introduced. On the Year 1 team are **Andrea Mazerik, June Melendez, Ringo Castillo, Sarah Sniffen, Nadine Pablo, Angela Mariano, Amanda Sueoka, Joshua Ibarra and Allan Cortez**. On the Year 2 team are **Shaun Agtarap, Anthony Barredo, Francis Dumlao, Jennifer Tolentino, Jesus Osorio, Remalyn Quiacusan, Edison Vida and Mika Quintinita**. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)

ing of animals and parking of vehicles, assistance in packing and moving belongings and possible rooms for living space. Consult the church office for further information. (Reported by *Richard Robbins*)

6 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Our parish led the Wahiawa community in the annual drive conducted by the **Wahiawa Lions** by donating 228 pounds of school supplies and nearly \$1,200 for children in need in the Wahiawa area. Pictured from left are **Karen Meyer**, custodian of Wahiawa Middle School, our pastor **Richard McNally, SSCC**, and **Jack Kampfer**, who managed the church drive, with the truckload of supplies. Meyer transported the supplies to Wahiawa Middle School where they were sorted and distributed primarily to Wahiawa-area elementary schools. (Reported by *Jack Kampfer*)

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Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

Mahalo to our church cleaners **John Kalwicz, Carina Yung, Grace Porras, Gerald Porras, Caesar Reyes, Poly Lapasaran, Cecilio Manalo,**

5 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

The purpose of our **parents orientation night for high school religious education** on Sept. 17 was to acquaint parents and students with the diocesan and parish policies regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents and candidates also reflected on their roles and responsibilities in sacramental preparation. Attendees watched a short video from Busted Halo on "Why We're Confirmed" by **Father Dave Dwyer**. Parents

PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

On Sunday, Oct. 12, the parish will host a **potluck town meeting**, noon-2:30 p.m. in Avery Hall, with Office for Social Ministry director **Father Robert Stark** as guest speaker. The topic: Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience. **HOPE Services** will also attend. The parish bulletin, distributed after Sunday Masses, contains a list of parishioners who have offered help during the eruption, including land space for storage, keep-

by Pat Phillips; photo by Inez Johnson)

9 KALIHI KAI

St. Anthony Parish

Our Lord promised **St. Margaret Mary** for souls devoted to His Sacred Heart, "I will bless every place in which a picture of My Heart shall be exposed and honored." Another family, **the Luna family**, had the **Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** in their home on Sept. 6. The enthronement is a covenant with Jesus in which the family renews its baptismal promises to live a fully Christian life. It is a formal public act of recognition of the sovereign rule of Jesus over the family. Our pastor, **La Salette Father Manny Dela Cruz** officiated at the ceremony. Pictured is **Mrs. Rosalia Luna**, a member of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Apostolate, placing the picture on the shrine with her son **Ianzar**. Her husband and their nine other children, who are still in the Philippines, celebrated the enthronement also. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue was brought into the home six days before the enthronement in preparation. Other siblings of Mrs. Luna and apostolate members attended the event. We all rejoiced that another family invited Christ into their home and promised to share their life with Him. Thanks be to God! (Reported by Fe Rodillas)



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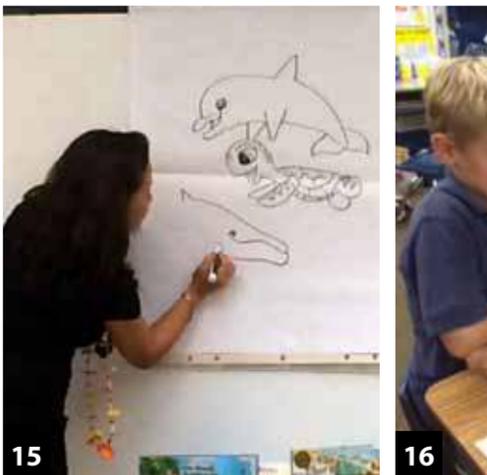
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St. Joseph Parish

For nearly a quarter century, the parish Aloha Choir has brought comfort and strength to grieving families through their ministry of consolation. The choir was founded in the 1980s by parishioner **Lorina Springer** who was bothered that some funerals had lots of people and hired musicians while others were totally empty, with nothing uplifting at all. With the pastor's help, she recruited volunteers. Today, after many changes in members and leadership, the Aloha Choir continues its legacy of serving families in bereavement through the gift of song. The current organist is Lorina's son **Michael Springer**. The choir is on-call. Members are notified through a telephone tree of funeral Masses where the choir has been requested. Using Hawaiian and traditional hymns, it sings before Mass, during Mass and for the final commendation. In closing, the choir usually leads the congregation in "Hawaii Aloha" and "Aloha Oe." Pictured in the front row, **Michael Springer, Jeanette Santos, Felipa Miquel, Barbara Kubo** and **Armando Mendoza**. In back, **Cecil Farin, David Wilson** and **Dolores Tavares**. Absent, **Violet Ignacio, Linda Salas, Violet Taboniar, Gordon Bracknell, Jo Yokoyama, Theresa Shanahan** and **Beverly Rubio**. (Reported by Cecil Farin and Michael Springer)

11 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

Rosaries made for people, groups, whoever has a need for them. In September the parish rosary making club, **Na Hana Kolona o ka Makuahine**, made almost 300 rosaries for a church group in Texas and a

center on the mainland. They also made and sent 600 rosaries to Ghana and Nairobi. They meet once a month on a Saturday. The last rosary making class for this year is Oct. 25. Pictured are just some of the rosaries made by the loving hands of **Na Hana Kolona o ka Makuahine**. (Reported by Caren Sue Argenzia)

12 KAILUA-KONA

St. Michael Parish

Our parish received its first **Trip Advisor** review. The visitor recommended the Sunday 7 a.m. Mass when the **Hawaiian Choir**, pictured, sings. The reviewer mentioned that congregation joins in and even sings the Hawaiian version of the Lord's Prayer. (Reported by Shirley David)

13 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

On Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 21, **Father Leonard Ssempijja** commissioned the **catechists and teachers** for school year 2014-2015. During the commissioning, Father Leonard invited the teachers to recite a **Catechist's Prayer** while parishioners' hands were extended toward them in prayer. It was a blessing for all. We thank the teachers for their commit-

ment and for showing us how to live our faith. Pictured from left, **Tamyra Freeman, Don Freeman, Esther Yap, Faythe Urayanza, Father Leonard Ssempijja, Rosemary Robbins, Donna Hart, Annette Scognamillo** and **Debbie Faberito**. (Reported by Esther Yap; photo by Marie Drury)

14 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish,

Our **Bible study class**, pictured, is growing! We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the parish meeting room and welcome newcomers! Under the leadership of **Lorraine Savaria**, we have traveled through the Old Testament and are now into the New Testament. What's exciting for us is that we're able to make the connections when we hear the readings at Mass on Sundays ... some real eye openers! We're all a work in progress, but love the faith sharing and friendships we're building every week. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

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Damien Memorial School

Our **freshmen** gathered for a **day of recollection** at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley. Staffed by seniors

and faculty members, the seven days were organized by campus minister **Soane Uiagalelei**, 88. Through skits, large and small group discussions, sharing and prayer, the goal was to help the students make good choices and wise decisions as they transition to high school. The students also had one potluck lunches and free time for outdoor activities. Later in the school year, the **eighth graders and sophomores** will experience their day of recollection. Our **sixth and seventh graders** will be spending a day in service learning, reaching out to our community. **Juniors and seniors** are offered the opportunity to participate in one of three weekend **Encounter Retreats** at Camp Homelani in Mokuleia. (Reported Diane M. Lota; photo by Dayne Teves)

15 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Students in **grades one, two, four and five** were given a literary treat Sept. 25 when local author-illustrator **Tammy Yee** paid a visit. Best known for her children's books, such as "Iki, the Littlest Opihi," and tales about other sea creatures such as "Baby Honu Saves the Day," Tammy has 31 projects credited to her. The children grew more excited

as the day of her visit got closer. As she drove onto the campus, shouts of "Tammy Yee is here" filled the air. To the **fourth and fifth graders**, she introduced the process of getting a story published and the many intricate steps leading up to the final artwork being chosen. With the **first and second graders**, Tammy spent 45 minutes reading from one of her books and demonstrating how to draw the many characters. Tammy even autographed books children brought from home. We felt truly blessed to meet such an accomplished author-illustrator. Now, when we read her books, the characters will have a special place in our hearts. (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

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Holy Family Catholic Academy

Our campus was the setting of a whirlwind of activities Sept. 25 for the kindergarten-fourth grades. Families came out to visit our weeklong **Scholastic Book Fair**, to share a fundraising dinner of delicious **down home cooking** hosted by the **National Junior Honor Society**, and to attend **curriculum night** focused on celebrating literacy. Pictured is first grader **Lucca Gabriele** enjoying a special reading moment with his Mom. An attendance raffle for a prize basket filled with kid-appealing books and games was a final draw of the evening. On Oct. 2 will be a similar **curriculum night** for the families of **fifth-eighth grade students**. (Reported by Christina Malins; photo by Mrs. Heather Jones)

17 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

On Oct. 1, we celebrated the Feast of **St. Therese of Lisieux**, the patron of our parish and school. We started with an all-school Mass with students, faculty and staff celebrating the life of our saint and all the "little ways" she has blessed people through the years. Everyone sang the beautiful hymn to St. Theresa under the direction of music teacher **Mrs. Millie Curtis**, after which everyone placed red and white roses, mums, ginger blossoms and other tropical flowers around her statue. **La Salette Father Arnel Soriano**, pastor, did the honors of placing the many leis on St. Theresa. **Mr. Archie Achuara's eighth grade class** gave presentations on the life of the saint with Mr. Achuara encouraging the students to practice her "little ways," such as telling their parents they love them, helping with their chores at home, etc. Principal **Mary Jean Buza Sims** said that St. Theresa is her patron saint, and explained how she prayed to her this past year for more students to attend our school, and how we now have 25 more students this year! On that happy note, let us all strive to share Jesus with everyone we meet in the little ways of St. Theresa! Happy feast day! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

18 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy High School

On Sept. 20, two of our **VEX teams** and two **VEX IQ teams**

participated in the **McKinley Vexposition**. After intense competition against 38 other teams, our school's robot finished in eighth place overall. The robot was under the guidance of captain **Kristen Kate Tumacder** and driven by eighth grader **Jenna Tanna**, sophomore **Hudson Jones** and junior **Cameron Pires**. The robot's designers, juniors **Aimee Pak** and **Michaela Graves**, pictured here, won the Vexposition's Design Award. They will compete in January in the Hawaii State VEX Championships on Maui. Programmers Aimee and classmate **Malia Libby** participated in the Autonomous Challenge, coding ROBOTC to stack the most sections in a timed segment. They earned second place. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



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19 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our **first graders** visited **Lyon Arboretum** tying in a lesson on plant life. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to taste **sour fruit**, also called **Averrhoa Bilimbi**. Similar to a star fruit, the students learned that the sour fruit was cool and juicy and was probably brought to the Islands by the first immigrants from the Philippines in 1906. Pictured are **Kelsie Taka-ta**, **Rayne Botelho-Ichimura** and **Mikena Gillis**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



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KAILUA St. John Vianney School

October is the month of the Rosary. During lunch recess, **Mrs. Cathy Lee** and **Mrs. Esther Tokars** from our parish religious education program lead students in **grades five through eight** in praying the rosary on the first and third Tuesday of the month. It's a totally voluntary prayer time and we have had an incredible response! ... Our school's **Halau Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa** performed at Iolani Palace for **Children and Youth Day**, Oct. 5. Thank you for representing us so beautifully! ... The date of the next general **PTSA** meeting is changed to Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. in the parish board room. All are invited. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

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WAIALUA St. Michael Parish

E.P.I.C. (Experiencing People in Christ), the parish's new **young adult ministry**, will host its first E.P.I.C. Faith Sharing on Monday, Sept. 29, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Center. It's open to everyone ages 18 to 30. Join us for a night of community and faith and to also know the young adults of our parish. The coordinator is **Joshua Kapika**. (From the parish bulletin)



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20 MAKAWAO St. Joseph Early Learning Center Our **staff** enjoyed the retreat at **St. Ann Church** in Waihee on Sept. 26. The theme was the upcoming **"Year of Consecrated Life."** **Father Roland Bunda** from St. Anthony Parish celebrated the Mass with the staff and shared with them the journey of his vocation. Afterward, the staff also had fellowship with a luncheon in the church hall.

Thank you to **Father De Lota** and staff for the hospitality at St. Ann's and for **Sister Malia Dominica Wong O.P.** from the diocesan **Vocations Office** for the information and resources. Mahalo, Father Bunda, for your time and spiritual guidance. (Reported by Helen Souza)

21 LAHAINA Sacred Hearts School Our **seventh and eighth graders** posed with a **WWII veteran** they met visiting the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in Washington while on their East Coast field trip. (Reported by Patty Wurst)

friends enjoyed an evening of movie tunes performed by our school's **Symphonic Band**. The group, under the direction of band teacher **Everett Yamashita**, played a variety of tunes from James Bond movies to the newest Disney film, "Frozen." The next public performances will be a tribute to Maui veterans on Nov. 5 in the St. Anthony Church Center; and Nov. 15 during the school's 2014 Strength in Unity Gala at the King Kamehameha Golf Club House. For the band's schedule, visit www.sasmaui.org. (Reported by Claudine San Nicolas; photo by Ed Knoyle)

23 EWA BEACH Our Lady of Perpetual Help School We annually invite our students to be **student government officers**: "You are called to be

servant leaders, to be role models, to be representatives of Jesus Christ." As Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be great among you, must be your servant!" Candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer delivered their speeches and the school-wide election was Sept. 25. After the weekly school Mass on Oct. 1, the newly elected officers were installed, taking their oaths before principal **Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, OSF**, and advisers **Remedios Cabrera** and **Emma Lacar**. The officers pledged to fulfill their responsibilities to ensure the success of the student government's mission, values, projects and vision. Congratulations and blessings to president **Tyler Morales**, vice-president **Daniella White**, secretary **Terajei Pascual** and treasurer **Micah Ponce**. Rep-

representatives from grades K to 8 will also be part of the student government. Pictured are Ms. Cabrera, Micah, Terajei, Sister Davilyn, Daniella, Tyler and Mrs. Lacar. (Reported by Crystal Ka'aikala; photo by Thalia Woodward)

24 KAILUA St. Anthony School Our **eighth graders** spent a few days at Camp Erdman for their annual **leadership retreat**. The weather was hot, but spirits were high. They hiked, did the Olympic challenge and bonded as the leaders of the school. Now they are set for a new and exciting eighth grade school year. The teachers who accompanied them were **Mrs. Laree Ott**, **Mr. Willie Quinn** and **Ms. Bridget Barros**. (Reported by Patricia Barros)

25 KAPAA St. Catherine School Our school's **Service Club**, under the direction of religious education director, **Mrs. Patricia Doherty**, began its seventh year with 19 members, a record! The high membership caused a problem (what a problem to have — so many students wanting to serve)! For the past seven years, the club has visited the long-term residents of nearby **Mahe-lona Hospital**. The love they bring to the residents is priceless. But because space is limited, 19 is too many to visit at one time. **Mrs. Laura Lindsey**, our office assistant and development director (or as we like to call her, "problem solver"), came up with a solution. The Service Club will be divided in half and the two groups will alternate their weekly visits to Mahelona Ohana. When not at Mahelona, they will be involved in school service and a **leadership club** directed by Mrs. Lindsey. Christ taught us that true leadership is service. So to recognize that our service volunteers are the real leaders of our school, we are building a leadership club with them as the foundation! Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Lindsey offer a sincere mahalo to our Service Club members and true leaders of our school! (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

26 AIEA St. Elizabeth School Our **second grade** is using their **Smart Board** to enhance 21st Century learning. Through the help of our **PTG**, the school was able to provide Smart Boards and **Promethean Boards** for each classroom. (Reported by Sharon Nagasawa)

27 KALIHI St. John the Baptist School Every Monday, our little **kindergartners** look forward to collaboration time with our seventh and eighth grades. Pictured is **PJ Foehr** from the Hawaii Catholic Schools office giving pointers to the older students on how to engage our kindergartners in reading time and to be critical thinkers. Thanks for your help Mr. PJ! (Reported by Ainona M. Petelo)