

# The Parish & School News

JANUARY 30, 2015

## 1 PAIA

### Holy Rosary Parish

An impressive 160-plus gathering of **Maui Vicariate youth** attended a **praise and worship rally** at our parish on the weekend of Jan. 9-11. For the first time, youth and chaperones represented all 11 parishes of the vicariate. The theme for the weekend was "Stewardship: Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasures." Guest speaker **Ka'ala Souza** did a fabulous job in keeping the youth engaged and entertained. To celebrate the **Year of the Consecrated Life**, **Sister Roselani Enomoto** and **Brother Tom Spring** shared their ministry with the young people of Maui. The vicariate would like to extend a huge thank you to chairperson **Peter Acpal**, Father **Eli Escanilla**, **parishioners** and **Maka Secretario** for sharing their time, talent, and treasures to make the event a success. (*Submitted by Mary Jean Bega*)



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## 4 KALAHEO

### Holy Cross Parish

Aloha and welcome to Holy Cross Parish and Sacred Heart Mission! Parishioners have been warmly greeting **La Salette Father Antonio Abuan** with these welcoming words. Father Abuan's first order of business was to apologize for the delay of his arrival on Jan. 10. Ready to begin, he has already met with the leaders and members of the parish organizations, and most parish ministries and committees. ... Kauai vicariate's second year **confirmandi** held their Confirmation retreat over the Jan. 23-25 weekend. **Kainoa Fukumoto** and his group led the retreat in Holy Cross Parish hall. Forty-five confirmandi, seven young adults, catechists and Confirmation leaders from five parishes attended. Confirmation will be conferred

later this spring. Mahalo to the **planning team**, Kainoa and his team and most especially to the confirmandi for what they gained from the retreat. Our Father sent the Holy Spirit to be with you; may you find his presence a loving and guiding one. ... Pictured is the **parish finance committee** welcoming new pastor Father Abuan with cake and cream-filled malassadas. (*Reported by Judy Cabating*)

## 5 WAIAMEA

### Annunciation Parish

Parishioners **Phil and Jane Aganus**, the religious education coordinator, received a blessing on their **50th wedding anniversary** from **Father Stephen Macedo**. Congratulations Jane and Phil! ... Parishioners **Celeste Tanodra**, **Janice Bencick**,

**Nohealani Miranda**, **Jay Ontiveros** and **Dian Burroughs** marched for life through Waimea town on Jan. 22 in conjunction with the annual **March for Life** to end abortion. Rosaries for life were also prayed in the morning, during the march, and in the evening at church. (*Reported by Mary Erickson*)

## MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Parish

Reserve May 1, 2 and 3 for the **St. Joseph Feast**, to do God's work for St. Joseph Church and the early learning center. This major parish fundraiser is a tradition that started over 100 years ago as Maui's first feast/carnival. Let's continue this tradition our ancestors began. Let us lead by example and teach our children the gift of giving back for our blessings we receive. Volunteers are needed for

the live auction, food and games! The next feast meeting is Feb. 19. It is important that all leaders attend the meetings. ... Aloha and welcome to **La Salette Father Elmer Galiza**. We wish him an enjoyable stay here in Makawao. Father Elmer will be presiding over the Masses while **Father Eric** is on his annual vacation. (*Reported by Donna Pico*)

## 6 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

Congratulations to the **pastoral council** who were commissioned on Jan. 4 by pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes**. Pictured, from left, **Francisca Kovaloff**, recorder; **Joyce Oliveira**, parish planning and building chairperson; **Fualupe Tuihalafatai**, member; Father Brillantes; **Clementina Ceria-Ulep**, chairperson; and **Karen Correia-Lemana**, member. Back row, **Anthony Peterson**, member; **Robert Liua**, young adult and youth ministry chairperson; **Thomas DeCorte**, outreach chairperson; and **Rebecca Jandoc**, vice-chairperson and liturgy chairperson. Missing are **Sister Clemence Marie Mira**, spc, religious education director; **Aida Isidro**, finance council chairperson; and **Alfonso Engichy**, member. (*Reported by Fran Kovaloff; photo by Fe Go*)

## 7 KALIHI KAI

### St. Anthony Parish

2014 marked the 40th year of the Dec. 16-24 novena of Dawn Masses in our parish. I believe our parish celebrated the first Dawn Masses in 1974. Our pastor at that time was Sacred Hearts **Father Gerard J. Leicht** who asked us about religious practices in the Philippines. We told him about the pre-Christmas season 4 a.m. **Misa de Gallo**. Sister **Elnora Rilloraza**, RVM, and Father Gerard spearheaded the tradition in our parish. In the beginning, I helped Sister Elnora recruit sponsor families for the daily Masses that included a light breakfast afterward. After several years, parish organizations took on that responsibility. We have not missed a single year since 1974 and now average 375 participants. This year, the following priests celebrated Mass with us: Dec. 16, our own pastor **Father Manny Dela Cruz, MS**; Dec. 17, **Father Efren Tomas, MS**, pastor of St. Joseph, Waipahu; Dec. 18, **Father Napoleon Andres, MS**, parochial vicar of St. Joseph; Dec. 19, **Father Gus Uthuppu, MS**, pastor of St. Raphael, Koloa, Kauai, assisted by **Father Francis Sanchez**, hospital chaplain; Dec. 20, **Father Danny Laeda**, parochial vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul; Dec. 21, **Father Adrian Gervacio**, in residence, Our Lady of the Mount; Dec. 22, **Father Edgar Brillantes**, pastor, Our Lady of the Mount; Dec. 23, **Father Gregorio Honorio Jr.**, administrator, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa; and Dec. 24, **Father Freddy Quintero**, administrator, St. John the Baptist, assisted by Father Manny as shown on the picture. We thank all the pastors who woke up so early to celebrate Mass with us. Special thanks to our former pastor, Father Gus who came all the way from Kauai! (*Reported by Fe Rodillas*)

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

Our parish joined the **March for Life** at the State Capitol on Jan. 24. The **Knights of Columbus** chartered a bus for those who did not have a ride or preferred not to drive. As part of their formation and education, Confirmation classes also boarded the bus to sign-wave and march. Pictured, from left, preparing posters for the event are Confirmandis **Jovine Barbasa, Ava Montes, Melanie Cauilan, Patrick Banasihan** and **Helene Rebamonte**. ... The next **social justice project for religious education** is **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**. The campaign starts Feb. 11 at all levels of religious education and faith formation. (Reported by Julia Torres)



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**9 HAIKU****St. Rita Parish**

Our church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. A lighted angel above the entrance and garland with lights wrapped around the pillars welcomed parishioners and guest. The church environment delighted the eyes of many with lots of Christmas flowers, a tall Norfolk pine, wreaths and a nativity scene. We thank the environment committee **Faythe Urayanza and ohana, Robin and Wes Weeks** and **Sister Bernadette Meno** for making the church ready for Christmas. Pictured is **Father Leonard Ssemepija** celebrating Sunday Mass, Jan. 4, the Epiphany of the Lord. After Mass, parishioners gathered in the hall to celebrate Father Leonard's 51st birthday. They prepared an array of different breakfast and lunch dishes to share. It was an amazing feast and good fellowship for our parish community. (Reported by Esther Yap)



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**10 PEARL CITY****Our Lady of Good Counsel School**

Originating in 15th century Europe, **chess** has long been a favorite game to test a person's ability and skill. Two players take turns moving their pieces, capturing their opponent's pieces toward the final goal of checkmate. Chess teaches many life skills such as controlling one's impulses and how to plan ahead. Sixth grade teacher **Mrs. Sylvia Tsuda** and religion teacher **Mr. Dominic Olaso** have organized a student **Chess Club**. Every Thursday during lunch recess, club members gather in the sixth grade classroom to compete and hone their skills. The club hosts tournaments several

tournaments a year, encouraging the kids to test and develop their game. Thank you to Mrs. Tsuda and Mr. D for offering the students a great chance to develop their life skills! To the members of the Chess Club: Play on! Pictured are **Aiden** and **Claudia Jean** challenging each other to a friendly game. (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

**11 MAKAWAO****St. Joseph Early Learning Center**

Student **Luke Stephens** trumpets in the 2015 New Year on his brass horn for "show-n-tell" activity, one of the things that make his school special as the students start off the year gearing up for **Catholic Schools Week**. The students will participate in a service day Monday, Jan. 26, cleaning the parish church and grounds. On Tuesday they will enjoy a guest speaker and

crazy dress day. Wednesday is their community day when they take a field trip to the Makawao County base-yard to check out the equipment and vehicles such as garbage trucks, a crane and a backhoe. The week ends with a teacher professional development day and an island-wide Mass at St. Anthony Church celebrating the close to Catholic Schools Week with guest speaker **Dominican Sister Maria Dominica Wong**. (Reported by Helen Souza)

**KULIOUOU****Holy Trinity Parish**

We have a visiting priest here on sabbatical for six weeks. His name is **Father Eric Bowman** of West Milton, Ohio. At 6 feet 7 inches you will not miss him. Please give him the aloha spirit as you make him feel welcomed at Holy Trinity Church. (From the parish bulletin)

**HONOLULU****Sts. Peter and Paul Parish**

**Adult Faith Formation** will present **Father Robert Barron's** newest series, "Priest, Prophet, King," every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. starting on Wednesday, Jan. 14. All adults are welcome and encouraged to participate. (From the parish bulletin)

**12 EWA BEACH****Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**

The **kindergarten class** is learning about God's love, kindness, and mercy. They are encouraged to demonstrate these virtues by words and actions through class projects and to continue our mission to respond to the needs of the less fortunate. Before Christmas, the kindergarteners brought canned goods and other non-perishable food items, toys,

children clothes and shoes to be given to needy families. For our students, giving is being Christ-like. They are so happy every time they share something with the less fortunate. Pictured is the class with all the items they have collected. (Reported by Erlinda Ceria; photo by Pacita Baron)

**WAIALUA****St. Michael Parish**

The new pastor, **Father Lusius Nimu**, writes in the parish bulletin: "Aloha, I guess this is the best way to begin my new relationship with you as your friend, family and pastor. I know as the months fly by we will all get to know each other more and more. I do to say that I am excited and happy, and a little nervous, to serve you and guide you as your friend, pastor. Just a few things about me so as not to be a total stranger: I was born and raised in Adonara, Flores Timur, Indonesia. I am the oldest of four children. I went to minor seminary for four years and continued my philosophy and theology at Parahyangan Catholic University in Bandung, Indonesia. I joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in 1993. I was ordained a priest on May 29, 2003, at St. Damien Parish in Batam, Indonesia. (From the parish bulletin)

**13 HONOLULU****Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School**

Our Jr. **FIRST/LEGO/League team**, comprised of **first graders**, competed admirably in the **ThinkTank Challenge** Dec. 13 at the Neal Blaisdell Center. For the Challenge, teams reflected, researched and explored how learning happens each day. Using this data, our six team members built a model of their final idea using LEGO elements with a motorized part, learning about simple machines in the process. The final step was creating a Show Me board with their findings, which was presented to the ThinkTank judges. Kudos to team mentors **Dan Kinoshita** and **Allicia Kinoshita**, who organized the team, conducted Sunday meetings, took the team on field trips and provided overall guidance. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

**14 HONOLULU****Sacred Hearts Academy High School**

A team of students recently concluded an exceptional round of competition in the seventh season

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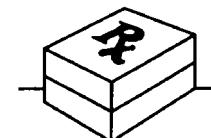
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**Cyber Patriot**, the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. Led by math department chair and coach **Deborah Kula**, the students excelled in the Dec. 5-7 state round, demonstrating teamwork, critical thinking and technical knowledge key to a successful career in cyber security. The team's performance earned it a spot in the Jan. 16-18 Gold Tier Regional Round. In all, 2,175 teams registered to compete in Cyber Patriot VII, including 35 teams from Hawaii. Coach Kula said, "The Cyber Patriot experience has been awesome. The opportunity to work with mentors active in the cyber security workforce has broadened their horizons." Following the Jan. 16-18 competition, top teams nationally will advance to the Cyber Patriot VII Finals Competition in Washington, D.C. Pictured, from left, are **Mary Kay Zhang, Kristen Kate Tummader, Leeyannah Santos, Angelyn Tabala**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



## 15 KEKAHA St. Theresa School

The 4th and 5th graders were serious about their assignment. Their teacher **Ms. Castillo** asked them to write an essay about a community social issue and how it could be dealt with. The ideas came fast. "We need to do something about speeding. My mom won't let me ride my bike down the road because it's too dangerous." "I want to help stop littering, it hurts the wildlife." "Not all people get good medical care. We should have more pharmacies." "There are homeless kids right by the beach and maybe they don't have warm clothes or school supplies." These students were learning that they are an important part of the community, and that they can make a difference. In December, each class does a community service project. The 13 fourth and fifth graders planned a car wash to raise \$400 to buy a portable XBox entertainment system for **Wilcox Hospital**. They wanted to make hospital stays a little more

bearable for youth. Little did the students know what great lessons were in store for them. Here is what happened: People took notice of their project. **St. Theresa and Holy Cross parishes, The Garden Island** newspaper, and **Wala'au TV** helped spread the word. The idea caught on. Donations poured in. The students were amazed. They reached their \$400 goal before washing a single car! But it didn't stop there. To date, the class has collected over \$2,200. They delivered their gift to Wilcox Hospital on Jan. 6, and by Jan. 7 they were hard at work

deciding their next project. "We had fun playing the XBox in class, but I think giving it to the hospital made us feel even happier," said fourth grader **Kacey Carveiro**. "It felt really good to do something for others and not just care about myself," said **Dekoda Lazaro**, grade 5. "Yes. Helping others can make our community better," said **Hannah Brun**. **Hailey Ragasa** added, "I can help." Ms Castillo said, "What started as a small project has taught us huge lessons. My students are learning to look at situations and think 'What can I do to help?' They are learning to see

possibilities instead of problems. If these kids are the future of Kauai, then the future looks good!" Fifth grader **Matthew Taeza** summed it up well, "Doing good deeds now helps the future for all of us." The class offers a huge mahalo to everyone who helped. They will soon begin their next community project, but for now, they've got to work on those essays! (Reported by Ms. Wendy Castillo)

## 16 KAPAA St. Catherine School

On Jan. 19, our school competed in the **2015 Science Olympiad**

**Regional** at Kauai Community College. Under the direction of our science teacher **Mrs. Cathleen Triplett**, students prepared for months to compete in such events as Anatomy, Bridge Building, Meteorology, Rocketry and a map-reading event called "Road Scholar." Our students were fantastic! This was our school's first year competing. The teacher and her students got their cardio workouts rushing to and from all their events. Mrs. Triplett thought if we won a medal or two, we would have done way more than expected. But our students surpassed all expectations by leaps and bounds! We brought home four silver medals and 14 bronze medals. It's a great start for future Science Olympiads. Mrs. Triplett and all of the school communities are proud of our students. They are truly a blessing! (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

## 17 KAIMUKI St. Patrick School

The winners of our annual seventh and eighth grade science fair, Jan. 12-15, are: first place, **Andrew Wong** ("How Does Friction Affect the Speed of Objects?"); second place, **Richelle Kikiloi** ("No Pain Lots of Gain"); third, **Joemar Corpuz** ("Aquaponics"); principal's choice, **Christopher Sigler** ("Burn Burn Burn"); honorable mention, Kaelyn Espinda ("Does Aspirin Help Plants to Grow?"); Robert Huang ("Eggcellent Arches"); **Summer Ivy** ("Egg Geodes"); and **Chazmin Thurman** ("What Makes Ice Melt?") Seventh and eighth grade science teacher and science fair coordinator **Ms. Mary Costello** is proud of the students' hard work and diligence. She says the fair is an opportunity to apply skills learned in the classroom to real world projects. Pictured from left are seventh graders Summer, Chazmin and Joemar, eighth grader Christopher, seventh graders Andrew and Richelle, and eighth graders Robert and Kaelyn. (Reported by Pamela Asuelo-Montalla)

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