

# The Parish & School News

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**1 PEARL CITY****Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish**

Pictured are the **high school year two confirmation students** and the retreat team with **Father Pascual** after Sunday Mass. The youth attended their retreat that was themed "Who I Am in Christ." "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you." (John 15:16) Thank you for the prayers and support of our **pastor, clergy, families and parishioners** and an **awesome team** inspired and led by the Holy Spirit. Our appreciation goes out to the staff at **St. Anthony's Retreat Center**. (Reported by Laurie Munoz)

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

The **parish health ministry** arranged for the **Hawaii Heart Foundation** to come to our school to demonstrate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) with compression only using **automated external defibrillator (AED)**. This fourth annual AED training, which aims to educate parishioners on AED use, took place at the church on Feb. 13 with 17 participants plus health ministry coordinator **Karen Tessier** and other health ministry staff **Flo Lacasandile, Cora Dion, Barbara Amion and Terra Harding**. Pictured are two Heart Foundation instructors, **Crystal Van Beelen and Garrett Ogawa**, demonstrating how to use an AED on children. Using mannequins, participants practiced using AED on both adults and children. An added demonstration and practice was on Heimlich maneuver, which is dislodging a foreign object, usually food, from the throats of adults, children, pregnant women and oneself. (Reported by Julia Torres)

**3 KAHULUI****Christ the King Parish**

We are one of the **La Salette** parishes in Hawaii. Every Thursday morning before Mass, our pastor or associate priest leads us in prayer to Our Lady of La Salette. On Feb. 4, it was special. We welcomed the beautiful life-sized image of Our Lady of La Salette. **Father Edwin Conselva, M.S.**, blessed the statue and explained that our parish is the first stop on Our Lady's journey to all Hawaii's La Salette parishes. Crafted in the Philippines, she will remain at our church for two months. From here, Our Lady will travel to Kauai before moving on to Oahu to permanently reside at **St. Joseph Parish** in Waipahu. Activities will take place throughout the year culminating on Sept. 19, the 170th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to **Melanie and Maximin** in the French village of La Salette. Among the parishioners in attendance were some of the pilgrims who, in 2014, joined former associate pastor **Father Joseph Pilotin, M.S.**, on a pilgrimage to La Salette, France. The blessing evoked memories of their once-in-a-lifetime experience. One of those pilgrims, **Lucy Peros**, joyfully exclaimed, "Our Lady is here with

us!" (Reported by Camille Sakamoto; photo by Audie Pascual)

**WAIHEE****St. Ann Parish**

The **catechism children** had their own "**Souper Bowl Sunday**" on Feb. 7. After Mass, they were out in force with signs and attention-getters focusing on the **Year of Mercy**, by collecting donations earmarked to provide a meal to the less fortunate. As **Dillon Duque**, a confirmation student puts it, "There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting up someone in need." This is a collaborative effort by the **outreach ministry** coordinated by **Precilia Peros** and the **Confirmation class** taught by **Juanita Kauhaahaa**. Let us instill in our children that church is not only as we know it in our own parish but, as Pope Francis says, "that the church must move beyond its own walls and joyfully bring God's mercy wherever suffering, division or injustice exists." (Reported by Frances Asuncion)

**KULIYOUU****Holy Trinity Parish**

The **Stewardship Committee and Adult Faith Formation** are proud to present "Preparing for Life's End: A Catholic Perspective" and "Care and Comfort: Finding Peace in the Journey," Feb. 25, 7-9 p.m. Speakers are **Deacon Steve Kula** and **Deacon Mike Weaver** of St. Anthony Parish, Kailua. Deacon Steve will present the clinical side of hospice care and Deacon Mike will share the pastoral side of hospice care. (From the parish bulletin)

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

Save these dates. **Stations of the Cross** are held every Friday in Lent, 2:15 p.m. at St. Michael School and 7 p.m. for everyone. The **parish Lenten mission** is March 7-8, 7-9 p.m. at the church. The Year of Mercy guest speaker is **Sacred Hearts Father Herman Gomes**. The **penitential service** is March 14, 7 p.m. in the church. (From the parish bulletin)

**4 WAHIAWA****Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**

**Brandon Elefante**, central Oahu representative on the diocesan **Stewardship and Development Commission**, presented a workshop to the **ministry leaders** at our parish on Jan. 23. More than 30 parish leaders were enlightened by Elefante's exposition of stewardship as a way of life. The ministry leaders explored the elements of stewardship and were led to identify ways of making them a reality within the parish. (Reported by Jack Kampfer)

**5 PAPAIOU****Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

On **Super Bowl Sunday** Feb. 7, our parish youth took up a collection at all the Masses for "**Souper Bowl**" sponsored by **Catholic Relief Services**. Pictured from left, are **Koryn Castenada-Sako, Kaitlin and Kassie O'Dell Lam-beth, Cody Pinzon and Jordyn Kawachi**. They received \$411.47 which will go to CRS's aid the Nepal

children's recovery. ... This year's **Chrism Mass** on March 1 is at **St. Michael Church** in Kailua, Kona. **Beverly Moodie** and **Marie Matsumura** will receive the Holy Oils for our parish and **Good Shepherd Mission**. ... At the annual **St. Joseph School Cardinal Ball**, Feb. 20, **Maryknoll Father Clyde Phillips** was honored for outstanding leadership. A member of St. Joseph's class of 1967, Father Phillips was born and raised in the Papaikou area, a member of our parish. He has been our temporary pastor while **Father Tim** is on vacation. Father Clyde retired in early December. We are happy to have you back, Father Clyde, and hope you'll stay with us for a while. (Reported by Pat Phillips; photo by Inez Johnson)

**6 LIHUE****Immaculate Conception Parish**

Arriving guests were escorted by our **youth ministry members** to the church where **Father Edson Pamintuan** presided over a renewal of wedding vows for married couples and special blessings on others attending our **First Annual Valentines Dinner**. The meeting room complex was enhanced by soft lighting, luminaries, mobile hearts, tables with delicate pink tablecloths, beautiful red roses in glass bud vases placed on colored paper cut-out hearts, printed menus and favors of heart shaped chocolate chip cookies. The youth ministry took up this project to "give back" to their parents and church community. What better way and day than St. Valentine's Day to show their love and appreciation! It also gave our youth an opportunity to apply their "fine dining etiquette and team work" skills which they learned from a professional instructor. They set up tables, did place settings, presented the menu and offered complete dessert and beverage service. And at the end of the evening they broke down tables and cleaned up. Guests enjoyed a delicious appetizer, a grand four-course dinner, luscious dessert and choice of beverage, followed by a fun-filled evening of door prizes, special presentations, music, dancing and great fellowship. (Reported by M. L. Yadao)

**7 EWA****Immaculate Conception Parish**

**Respect Life Ministry Project #2!** "Life is precious and it is something worth fighting for. Let's dedicate ourselves afresh in the battle against abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our day." On Jan. 12, our **Respect Life Ministry** and the **Knights of Columbus** hosted a **Respect Life movie night**, including popcorn and hotdogs, presented by **Whole Life Hawaii**. **Jason Jones**, national pro-life activist, film producer, and **Whole Life Hawaii** founder, showed two short films, "**Sing A Little Louder**" and "**Crescendo**." After each film, a discussion was had with all and wrapped up by **Jason** and his eldest daughter **Marion Jones**. Approximately 60 people attended and we received nothing but positive feedback as to its success. We look forward to another collaboration with **Whole Life Hawaii!** (Reported by Normand HJ Robert)

**8 KOLOA****St. Raphael Parish**

Approximately 40 parishioners attended the first **Kauai Ohana Mass** for 2016 on Jan. 17. **La Salette Father Arlan Intal** celebrated Mass. Pictured are Father Arlan, **Deacon Manny Pascua**, **special needs families, ministry volunteers, supporters, and Ohana Mass Committee members**. (Reported by Lorine Paden)

**9 MAKAKILO****St. Jude Parish**

Our parish was blessed to have **Father John "Jack" Stoeger** here for our **parish mission**, Feb. 15-17. Father Jack also helped out with our parish's Masses and parish lenten reconciliation service this week. Pictured is Father Jack sporting his shaka sign after morning Mass with a few of our parishioners, **Minga, Linda Mary, Caroline and Gussie**. ... Also, good news for our parish — kudos to our very own **Father Joseph Ayinpuusa** who ran his first **Great Aloha Fun Run** with an awesome time of 2 minutes, 14 seconds! (Reported by Caren Argenzia)

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

In this **Year of Mercy**, come spend quality time with our loving and merciful Lord and Savior in communal and individual **Eucharistic adoration**, every Friday morning during Lent, beginning after the 7 a.m. Mass and ending before the noon Mass. Every hour will begin with communal prayers led by pre-assigned organizations including the Hawaiian, Micronesian, Vietnamese, Filipino and Korean groups, followed by time for silent individual prayer and adoration open to all, benediction, and the Stations of the Cross. (From the parish bulletin)

**10 HAWAII****Sacred Heart Parish**

We are already into our second week of our Lenten journey for 2016. A **remarkable cross** made of ohia tree branches and donated by **Father Stephen** last year, was assembled by **Claude Carvalho** and stands inside the front of our church as a reminder of our 40 days of Lenten journey. Every Friday during Lent, after the **Way of the Cross**, we gather in St. Damien Hall for a light supper prepared each week by different ministries. The first week of our Lenten journey, our **religious education students**, 5 years old to high school, did an awesome **Shadow of the Cross** presentation. It was well received. All are invited to our Way of the Cross, 6:30 p.m., Fridays in Lent, followed by a light supper. Visitors are always welcome to attend our services and partake in our light supper. (Reported by Lee Rivera)

**11 PAHOA****Sacred Heart Parish**

The 40 days of Lent is a journey of prayer, fasting and worship preparing us to celebrate Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. One way to trace the footsteps of Christ, from being condemned



to death to the resurrection, is to pray the **Stations of the Cross**. This devotion commemorates Jesus' passion and death through 14 stations or meditations. Depictions of these stations are mounted on the walls of most churches. At our parish, we also have a set of stations outside on our wonderful **Meditation Path**, which was conceived in 2001 at the suggestion of **Father Etuale Etuale**. With the assistance of **George Salazar** and other parishioners, the pathway became a reality. We are truly fortunate to have the land to have a virtual Stations of the Cross. Each station is sponsored by parishioners who maintain its beauty year round. The overall maintenance is done by an adorable couple who have made stewardship a way of life. Both

**12 MAKAWAO****St. Joseph Parish**

**2016 Malassada Day!** It all began with the **youth ministry** who shared their time and talent in prepping the boxes. To the entire crew, who mixed and formed the malassadas, to the fryers (including **Father Jaime** and **Father Greg**) who made malassada day a success, raising a net profit of \$5,196.94 toward the parish building and repairs fund. Mahalo to everyone! (From the parish bulletin)

**13 HAIKU****St. Rita Parish**

Our parish celebrated **Mardi Gras** — and **Father Leonard Sempija's** birthday — on Feb. 6 in our parish hall. We were happy to

have Father back from his vacation in Uganda. We thank parishioners **Al, Laura, Kalen, Lily** (pictured above) and **Sean Janneck** (missing from photo), owners of **Milagros restaurant** who prepared a delicious dinner for our gathering. The parish youth provided a game of bingo that highlighted the evening. It was a good time of fellowship and fun for our church community. (Reported by Esther Yap)

**14 HONOLULU****Maryknoll High School**

On Feb. 16, students gathered in the gym for an exciting event! Spirits were already high. The **Lady Spartans D1 basketball team** had just played thrilling games in the state tournament. **Chinese New Year** brought lots of joy to campus. Our school has been working hard to provide strategic science programs, such as the **Mx Scholar Program** for students interested in **STEM** (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and aerospace. To introduce students to the wonders of space, we invited to the campus a special guest, **NASA Astronaut Mark Polansky**. He walked on stage with the **Maryknoll Civil Air Patrol Cadets** as the Star Wars theme song played and smiles emerged on the faces of kindergartners and seniors alike. Commander Polansky took the Spartans on a mission through space. A tour of the shuttle and video of space life were intriguing. Stories of what it was like to float, to eat, and to grab weightless objects were exciting. His description of the blue sliver of earth's atmosphere wrapping around our planet was entrancing. Spartans were able to understand the unique aspects of studying STEM while grasping the importance of these subjects. It was an honor and a pleasure to host an astronaut here at Maryknoll School! (Reported by Laura Essenberg; photo by Kyle Roche)

**15 HONOLULU****Sacred Hearts Academy High School**

On Feb. 9, our school's winners of **The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen** essay contests were presented their post-level awards by **Nick Young** of the **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**. For **The Voice of Democracy** contest, students in grades nine to 12 created a three to five-minute audio essay on the theme "My Vision for America." For **Patriot's Pen**, those in grades six through eight wrote essays on "What Freedom Means to Me." Winners of both contests, sponsored by the VFW, are eligible for regional and national competition and scholarship prizes. Pictured: **Justine Sison, Kacey Wong, Alyse Glaser, Nick Young, Abigail Macalintal, Julia Oehlers and Nikaela Busekrus**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

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

**Our kindergartners and first graders** celebrated the milestone of reaching **100 Days of School** on Jan. 27. To mark the occasion, the students participated in a myriad of fun activities throughout

the day, each related to 100. **Re-naye Oyer's** students (pictured) made a 100-snack mix consisting of 10 pieces of 10 different types of snacks, such as animal crackers, marshmallows and raisins. **Sandy Arnohit's** three and four-year-old students counted out 100 items. And **Sharon Fukayama's** first graders wrote 100 words and built a tower of 100 cups. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

**17 HONOLULU Cathedral Catholic Academy**

Our school celebrated an interactive **Stations of the Cross** where each student visited a student-created center where a stop-motion animation video is played giving clues to learn about each Station. Students pasted to their station's road map objects representing each station (band aid, piece of cloth) to help them remember the meaning behind each station of the cross. ... Pictured are students in **Ms. Castro's kindergarten/first grade class** who are learning about community. They created vehicles that matched specific jobs in the community and then practiced road safety while driving their vehicles. (Reported by Michael K. Paekukui)



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**18 HONOLULU St. Anthony School**

Our school had a wonderful **Catholic Schools Week** celebration. Feb. 1 was Career Day. Parent **Cora Sagucio** invited "first responder" speakers — from the Honolulu Police Department, **Corporal Arnold Sagucio**; Honolulu firefighters **Rick Yamada**, **Kyle Aldridge** and **Serafina Eames**; and Emergency Medical Services personnel **Danny Kao**, **Mark Palting** and **Deo Domingo**. They shared their time and imparted knowledge to the students about their jobs, and how important safety is in the community. Pictured with them are our school **Principal Sister Victoria Lavente, SPC**, and teachers **Sister Jennifer Dayday, SPC**, **Mrs. Josefina Thorp** and **Mrs. Corazon Aczon**. (Reported by Corazon Aczon)



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**19 KAHULUI Christ the King Child Development Center**

The children colored their T-shirts in January so that they could wear them on Feb. 3 in celebration of **Catholic Schools Week**. Pictured from left, are **Blake Verity**, **Caleb** and **Katliyah** showing their finished products. (Reported by Carole Arakawa)



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**20 KANEHOHE Saint Ann Model School**  
Each year during **Catholic Schools Week**, students devote one day to a community event where they can make a difference in the lives of others. This year, students participated in a walk-a-thon, "**175 Steps to Help**



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**HAHC.**" HAHC is the **Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee** here at St. Ann Parish. The committee works with the **Family Promise of Hawaii** and **Habitat for Humanity**, programs that mobilize existing community resources to aid families with children. It is their goal and

our goal to make strides to end homelessness in Hawaii. Students collected pledges and donned their wackiest hats and socks as they warmed up on a chilly and rainy morning. The rain didn't deter their spirits or their determination as they walked several laps around our campus to raise monies for

this worthwhile cause. In the end, the students raised over \$2,100. Congratulations to our top donors, second grader **Elvis Miller** and sixth grader **Kahiau Chang** who each collected \$200 for the walk-a-thon. Pictured are second grade students **Jamie Tabata**, **Alice Hewett** and **Tyler Castello** completing another lap. (Reported by Kuulei Halemano; photo by Julie O'Conner)

**21 HONOLULU Star of the Sea School**

Students participated in **Catholic Schools Week**, a celebration of our school, community, nation and faith. Their busy week included an awards ceremony, a pep rally, a students vs. faculty volleyball game, and speeches or readings from several visitors. Olympic athlete **Kevin Wong** and professional surfer **Carissa Moore** even graced us with an inspirational visit. For this year's service project, our students provided a meal for homeless residents of the **Next Step Shelter**. Students from **grades one through eight** made sandwiches, fruit salad and chili. They learned that if a lot of people each do a little bit of work, they could make a big difference for many. What an invaluable lesson we could all learn! Pictured are **first graders** celebrating our nation with principal **Margaret Rufo**. (Reported by Roselyn Vicente McMahon)

**22 KAIMUKI St. Patrick School**

On Feb. 5, Catholic schools across Oahu came together for the **Annual Conference for Catholic School Educators** at Sacred Hearts Academy. This was a very special day for one of our very own teachers, **Sister Anne Marie Tamanaha, SS.CC**. She spent 60 years of her life serving the Lord and educating students. Her popular phrase, "I'm not done yet," has inspired not only the children she has taught but also her coworkers at the school to always strive for something greater even though there are obstacles along the way. (Reported by Pamela Asuelo Montalla)

**23 HONOLULU Star of the Sea Early Learning Center**

The Peterson family enjoy a parent luncheon Jan. 25 on campus celebrating Catholic Schools Week. (Reported by Jill Hirata)

**24 KAILUA St. Anthony School**  
Our school would like to thank the **Knights of Columbus Council #6307** for allowing us to host this year's **annual fish fry**. The proceeds go to a scholarship fund, which benefits our students as well as our neighbors at St. John Vianney. We commend the Knights and the many volunteers for all that they do, and for the delicious fish and chips they served. We truly would not be able to accomplish as much as we do without the help of our **parents, families, parish ministries and community sponsors**. We just had a wonderful **open house**, but if you would still like a tour of our school, please call us at 261-3331. Pictured are students in the courtyard area anxiously waiting the beginning of the traditional **Chinese lion dance** that heralds in the Chinese New Year. We are lucky that we live in a place that celebrates many different ethnicities and cultures. (Reported by Patricia Barros)



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**25 KAPAA St. Catherine School**

Students, faculty and staff had a wonderful **Catholic Schools Week** (Jan. 31-Feb. 27) celebrated with pride and love of our school. We got to dress in pajamas, wacky clothing and class selected colors! Wednesday, St. Blaise Feast Day, began with the blessing of throats in the hall, followed by a pet blessing outside. Many cats and dogs came, as well as three horses, all blessed by our pastor **Father Anthony**. The **eighth grade** dressed professionally, as they took on roles of principal, secretary and teachers! Thursday was a fun day getting together with the only other Catholic school on Kauai, St. Theresa. We met at Kamalani Park where we celebrated Mass and took part in fun activities. On Sunday we celebrated a closing Mass at one of our mission churches, **St. William in Hanalei**, where students were treated to breakfast after Mass. ... Our **accreditation team** visited Feb. 8-11. We have much to celebrate! The team members gave us many positive comments. We were told our Catholic identity is "highly effective." This is something we are well aware of, but it felt good to be validated. On Feb. 11, the superintendent and associate superintendent of Hawaii Catholic Schools were on campus to hear the strong commendations by our accreditation team. **Dr. Rockers** also presented our Catholic doctrine teacher **Mrs. Patricia**



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**Doherty** with certificates from the University of Dayton and the Diocese of Honolulu recognizing her completion of the **University's Catechesis Program**, where her work was ranked as "distinguished"! (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

**HONOLULU Damien Memorial School**

A big Mahalo to our school family —  **moms, dads, students, faculty and staff, alumni, alumni family and the many volunteers** — who helped pinch, fry, sugar, box, transport and distribute malassadas for our **Fat Tuesday Malassada sale**. Thank you to the generous supporters who purchased our tasty treats. This year's event was another sweet success and we sold more than 9,500 malassadas! All proceeds go toward our **Capital Campaign Phase**

**1 Music Building.** (Reported by Ayumi Johnson)

**26 KAILUA St. John Vianney School**  
Congratulations to eighth grader **Daisy Spalding** who performed in the **2016 Oahu Band Directors' Association Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival** the last weekend in January. Daisy earned a bronze medal with a red ribbon for her solo clarinet performance. She received a perfect score in the rhythm category. ... Congratulations also to **Mrs. Annie Chee** and **Mrs. Linda Opie**, each honored by the Hawaii Catholic Schools office for 20 years of service in Catholic education, and to **Mrs. Caren DeMeo** who was honored for 30 years. We have been blessed by their presence and hope they will

**27 MAKAWAO St. Joseph Early Learning Center**  
The students enjoyed a wonderful morning at the **Makawao Post Office** on their Feb. 9 field trip. They walked to the post office to mail their hand-made **Valentine Day cards** to their families. They received a tour and got to sit inside a mail delivery truck. Pictured are **Butterfly Class** students **Kaero Andrade** and **Slade Kamaunu** presenting to post office staff **Uncle Guy** and **Aunt Mel** (mother of student **Victoria Cook**) the school's thank you card. The little cupids also got to celebrate a Valentine's Day Picnic with love ones on Feb. 12 outdoors in the school courtyard. Thank you to all who made the Valentine events so special. (Reported by Helen Souza)

**28 WAIPAHU St. Joseph School**  
Our school celebrated **Catholic Schools Week** with a lot of fun events. We started the week by sponsoring a parish Mass on Sunday. We enjoyed a manic dance party, wearing matching clothes, a talent show, a spirit rally and class field trips. We ended the week with a **Super Hero Fun Run** hosted by our awesome **PTG**. We are very thankful to be at a Catholic school! (Reported by Keala Kia)

**29 SALT LAKE St. Philomena Early Learning Center**  
The children celebrated **Catholic Schools Week** by showing how they can be **Good Samaritans** that serve during the week. They collected canned goods and toiletries and donated them to the church. Then they put on gloves and picked up trash around the school and church campus. (Reported by Cheryl Santos)

**30 HONOLULU St. Theresa School**  
February has been a very active month for the students. On Feb. 2 we did our annual **Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart** event. On Feb. 4 the **student senate** planned and coordinated a full day of outdoor activities including relay games, class competitions and bounce houses. And on Feb. 13 we participated in the **Keiki Great Aloha Run**, rounding up 250 participants — students, parents and faculty. Our 250-strong were the most participants in the state this year! (Reported by Karson Kim; photo courtesy of Keiki Great Aloha Run)