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## 1 HAIKU

### St. Rita Parish

On Jan. 21, we joined other parishes in the **March for Life**. The Maui march is the fifth annual observance sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**. The march against abortion drew about 75 participants including **Bishop Larry Silva** and priests throughout the Maui vicariate. The morning started with holding signs on Kaahumanu Avenue followed by a walk down Puunene Avenue ending at Christ the King Church. The event concluded with testimonies by women on their experiences with abortion and a prayer service. Our parishioner **Annette Scognamiglio's** winning poster "Moved by Mercy" was used on this year's march T-shirt. Pictured, from left, are **Cristina Ellis, Esther Yap, Christine Matheis, Cheyenne Yap, Bishop Larry Silva, Kai Ellis, Joan Opitz and Annette Scognamiglio**. (Reported by Esther Yap)



## 2 PEARL CITY

### Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

To be real stewards of the Gospel is to offer ourselves by being fully dedicated to God and united with Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. These were the opening remarks of **Bishop Larry Silva** at **Stewardship Day 2017**, Jan. 28, at Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, attended by clergy and representatives of parishes on Oahu and other islands. "Why Make Stewardship a Way of Life" was the topic presented by keynote speaker **Father Andrew Kemberling**, chair of the International Catholic Stewardship Council. Our pastor **Father Pascual** and members of our Stewardship Committee sat in various breakout sessions including "Building a Stewardship Parish," "Data Management and Financial Services" and "The Language of Stewardship" among others. Our Stewardship Committee members found the workshops beneficial. Pictured front, from left, speaker **Melissa Pavlicek**, Father Kemberling, Father Abaya, Mary, Star of the Sea pastor **Father Frankie de los Reyes**; back row, speaker **Mila Glodava**, Stewardship Committee members **Nic and Bernadette Cabe, Eric and Nelia Clemente**. Not pictured are committee members **Keith and Nalani Yoshida**. (Reported by Bernadette Cabe)



## 3 KALIHI KAI

### St. Anthony Parish

At the end of the year 2015, La Salette pastor **Father Arnel Soriano** mentioned the need of replacing the 47-year old **Immaculate Heart of Mary statue** which was badly termite eaten. The new statue was ordered to be in place for the 100th year celebration of the parish in 2016. The members of the **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Apostolate** canceled their Christmas party and raise donations for the new statue. The statue

was delivered while the church was undergoing major renovations. It was finally enshrined on Nov. 20, 2016, at the finale of the centennial celebration. The members are very thankful to belong to this organization for their First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This statue will remind them of their love and their veneration to our Blessed Mother. Holy Mary, pray for us! (Reported by Fe Rodillas)



## 4 LAHAINA

### Maria Lanakila Parish

Our parish hosted the **Maui Vicariate Youth Praise and Worship Rally** this past December. The days were filled with prayer and praise, fellowship, and workshops. A huge mahalo to the **vicariate youth leaders and volunteers** for all their hard work in creating a safe and prayerful atmosphere. (Reported by Mary Rosenthal)

## 5 HAWI

### Sacred Heart Parish

**Father Eli** and the **West Hawaii Vicariate parishes** formed a **Santo Nino committee** in honor of Baby Jesus. Our parish was honored to be the host for the second annual event. The celebration of Baby Jesus started with a procession of people carrying statues of baby Jesus while sinulog dancing from St. Damien Hall to the church. Mass was celebrated at 11:30 a.m. with the choir from **St. Benedict** led by **Ariel Hadap**. After Mass, lunch was served with our parish providing the lechon pig. The program and cultural presentations started with everyone singing the Philippine and American anthems. Each parish presented a cultural dance or song. Father Eli, who is the committee spiritual director, gave the closing remarks. This beautiful celebration ended with parlor games and prizes donated by all the parishes. Salamat po to chairperson **Leo Guitang**, assistant **Sally Castillo**, Father Eli and our parish for being awesome host. More than 300 attended. The committee would like to include the **East Hawaii Vicariate** in the 2018 celebration. (Reported by Lee Rivera)

## 6 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

Our children in the **religious education program** enlivened our Christmas Vigil liturgy on Dec. 24 by re-enacting the Christmas story. Dressed in Jewish costumes they portrayed Mary and Joseph as well as the shepherds, angels and the Magi. The presentation was their gift to the Baby Jesus on his birthday. After Mass, all went to the parish hall for Christmas fellowship. Two **Knights of Columbus** dressed as Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children. The parents, catechists and adults wore Santa Claus hats and Christmassy outfits and excitedly took pictures of their children sitting on the lap of Santa Claus. It was a festive Christmas and there was joy in the world. The children who participated were **Payton Antonio** (Mary), **Nickolus Peterson** (Joseph); the Angels were **Ryden Adlawan, Leslie Agno, Jaeda Ah Sam, Destiny Apostol, Olivia Calvo, Nathaniel Culao, Janelle DeCastro, Hailey Feleunga, Zsaneen Fernandez, Mary Ann Macalma, Skylar Maranan, Ria Moreno, Brianne Patoc, Tiara Patoc, Diana Ramos, Alessandra**

**Silrico, Angelina Taupule**; the Shepherds were: **Matthew Tulia-Lead, Ace Cabico, Jorrel Calzo, Luis Culao, Levi Falaniko, Cole Kikkawa, Chad Nishimura, Jesse Ramos, Siosaia Tulia**; and the Three Magi were **Mark Domingo, Maynard Macalma** and **Tala Taupule**. Concelebrating at the Mass were **Father Adrian Gervacio, Father Henry Sabog** and **Father Edgar Brillantes**. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff)

## 7 AIEA

### St. Elizabeth Parish

We all knew that our **Samoan community** were outstanding stewards in sharing their musical gifts and an integral part of our parish family. But now, their 40 years of prayer through song and service has been officially recognized by the **Council of the City and County of Honolulu** too! How cool is that! On Jan. 25, on the opening day of their 2017 meeting, Council member **Brandon Elefante** (Aiea-Pearl City and parishioner) introduced the choir to be recognized with a certificate "Honoring and Congratulating St Elizabeth Church's Samoan Choir on its 40th Anniversary." We as a parish family delight in their recognition and are so proud of all of them. Our gratitude to God knows no end. Thank you again our brothers and sisters in Christ for being good Stewards of the Gospel not just through music and song, but through all your countless deeds and service. Pictured at Honolulu Hale are choir members with attending council members. (Reported by Wendy Ford)

## 8 KEKAHA

### St. Theresa Parish,

On Jan. 22, the **Kauai Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs** and the Filipino priests of the Kauai vicariate, held their first Filipino ethnic Mass at **Immaculate Conception Church** in Lihue. **Father Emerson "Boyett" Delos Reyes**, administrator of our parish, presided over the Visayan Mass. Father Boyett delivered his homily in English because the closing of the Santo Nino Novena was held before Mass and many in attendance were of other dialects. The next ethnic Mass is Feb. 26 with **Father Danilo Galang**, a visiting LaSalette priest from the Philippines, presiding at the Ilocano Mass. All ethnic Masses will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception at 5 p.m. A schedule of dates and languages has been posted at all vicariate churches. Everyone is invited. Pictured are **Father Edison** and Father Boyett along with other Santo Nino and ethnic Mass attendees. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Nelly Capino)



## 9 MAKAKILO

### St. Jude Parish

Under the direction of our youth coordinator **Keahi Teson**, students of our **Confirmation class** designed beautiful posters to show their support when they attended the 2017 March for Life Rally on Jan. 20. (Reported by Caren Argenzia)

## 10 ENCHANTED LAKE

### St. John Vianney Church

Feb. 4, was **Scout Sunday** at our parish, recognizing the contributions of young people and adults to scouting. **Boy Scouts from Troop 311** and **Cub Scouts from Pack 311** were in uniform and received a blessing from **Father Peter** at the 9 a.m. Mass. Those who earned their religious award also received their religious emblem. To thank the parish for being their sponsor for more than 30 years, parishioners were invited to an annual mahalo breakfast served by scouts and their families on the Fellowship Lanai after Mass. ... The seventh annual **Breakfast with the Bishop**, a fund-raiser for our parish school, was held in the

parish hall Jan. 29. **Bishop Larry Silva** attended each of the three meals served after the morning Masses and spoke on the value of a Catholic education and the special role of parish schools. A delicious breakfast buffet featured a pancake station staffed with celebrities flipping pancakes. Over 500 people attended, including more than 115 youngsters who came to see **Aulii Cravalho** from the Disney film "Moana," who was one of the celebrities. The \$45,000 goal was exceeded. The money will be used to continue improving the school's facilities by creating a new kindergarten building. (Reported by Earl Walker)

## 11 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Parish

Pictured is one of the Three Kings, **Kainalu Ellis** and **Father Jaime Jose**. On Jan. 8, sponsored by the Neocatechumenal Way, our parish had refreshments, a play by parish children reenacting the birth of Christ, and the visit by the Three Kings. Children were encouraged to ask the Kings questions about their journey (always humorous!). Each

then received an individual blessing. The children gave the Kings a letter with their hopes for the New Year and the Kings shared their "gold" (chocolate golden coins). I have attended many of these events and they just get better every year! Such fun! (Reported by Cristina Gonzalez)

## 12 PAPAIIKOU

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

If you watched the **Macy's Day Parade** and saw the **Hawaii Schools Marching Band**, you would have seen marching along with them our parishioner **Alyssa Faletoi**, pictured center, playing the flute. It was the largest band in the parade. What an honor to be chosen to perform at such a prestigious event. Congratulations Alyssa, we are proud of you. ... Our parish **Filipino Catholic Club** officers, their spiritual director **Father Tim Tuyac**, and a few members attended the 66th annual **Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs** Nov. 11-13 at the Maui Beach Hotel. The theme was "God's Family Full of Mercy, Mis-

sion is to Love." Parish FCC members attending were president **Mario Cabalar, Madeline Cabalar, Leizl Abalos, Aleli Dumayag, Elvira Ducusin, Nena Galdones, Janet Galdones** and **Marietta Tagorda**. Our annual Christmas party Dec. 11 in the parish hall was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. The **religious education students choir** entertained and, of course, **Santa and his elf** made their appearance with goodies for the children. (Reported by Pat Phillips)

## 13 WAHIAWA

### Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

The **Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs** bid aloha on Dec. 30 to **Father Clarence L. Fisher**, spiritual director for our parish Filipino Catholic Club for 17 years and spiritual director of the Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs for 10 years. The new spiritual director for the Oahu Council is **Father Edmundo Barut Jr.** The Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs presented Father Fisher with a plaque and gift for the many services he provided for the organization, which was enriched by his vast knowledge of the faith, truth and rules of proper protocols. We pray for his continued strength, loyalty and love for God. He will be missed. One of the many missions of the Filipino Catholic Clubs is to provide scholarships to students attending Catholic schools. The clubs also support the activities of Hawaii parishes and the Diocese of Honolulu. Pictured are Father Barut Jr., Father Fisher and **Maryknoll Sister Rosalinda Barrozo**, the assistant director of the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs and Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs. (Reported by Pacita Baron)

## KULIOUOU

### Holy Trinity Parish

Under the auspices of our **parish maintenance committee**, our church roof was resealed. This project was funded by generous donations of our major maintenance fund. The condition of the roof demanded immediate attention to ensure both a leak-free church and a longer life for the roof. Mahalo for the generosity of our parishioners so that we can maintain the life of our church for many more years to come. (From the parish bulletin)

## WAIALUA

### St. Michael Parish

Our parish **Filipino Catholic Club** is hosting a **Valentine Day Dinner and Bingo night**, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. at St. Damien Hall. Dinner is Chicken Hekka. Donation is \$5 per person and 25 cents per bingo card. (From the parish bulletin)