

The Parish & School News

DECEMBER 4, 2015

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

God is good all the time! And today was no different. He helped us all with rinsing the soap off the cars! Members from our **youth ministry, high school confirmandi**, and some of their parents and sponsors were in the rain washing cars. But that did not stop their enthusiasm and dedication, or the many, many generous people who came out with dirty cars to support us — almost 30 vehicles. A job well done! We filled a truck bed with food donations and collected \$138 for our **Outreach Ministry** to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for our brothers and sisters in Christ in need. Thank you and God bless you all for your faithful generosity and willingness to serve. "Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:6-7. (Reported by Laurie Munoz)

**2 KALIHI VALLEY****Our Lady of the Mount Parish**

In their general membership meeting on Nov. 15, the **Filipino Catholic Club** elected new officers: **Fe Go** (president), **Maria Luisa Montaus** (secretary), **Aida Isidro** (treasurer) and **Frankie Cabral** (sergeant-at-arms). They will be formally inducted at the parish New Year's fellowship the FCC is hosting on Jan. 10. Appreciation and gratitude were extended to the outgoing president, **Cleo Bala-Casino** and her fellow officers for their outstanding services to the club. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff; photo by Jun Cortez)

**3 PAHOA****Sacred Heart Parish**

Week after week, we see wonderful families who attend Sunday Mass regularly. Many sit in the same area, or even the same pew. If a family is small, it's not too difficult. However, it might not be that easy for family of five grown children. There is one special family who takes up a whole pew in the same location every week. It is the family of **Byron and Trina Cachola** and their five vibrant teenagers. What make them so special? This wonderful family makes **stewardship** a way of life. Mrs. Cachola shared how grateful they are to have five wonderful healthy children. The parents instill in their children the value of education. They teach them that faith is important and that they should be involved in their church and community. Both Trina and Byron Sr. have been music ministers, lecturers, eucharistic ministers and religious education teachers. Because of Mr. Cachola's job, he hasn't been able to be involved as much as he used to. Their children, however, participate in many ministries, school activities and community events. **Byron K. Kealei Jr.**, 18, graduates 2015 from Keauau High magna cum laude and is a eucharistic minister. **Michaela A.K.**, 17, is a senior at Kamehameha, Keauau. She is a lector and a catechist. **Brennen J.K.**, 16, is a junior at Keauau High. He is in the high school and church choirs. **Blaise Kaeo**, 15, is a sophomore at Kamehameha, Keauau. He is involved in high school plays and will go to Scotland next year to perform in a Hawaiian Opera. He is an altar



server. **Alexia M.K.**, 13, an eighth grader at Kamehameha, Keauau, is a Mass greeter. The Cachola family all attended and served at a **Basic Christian Community of Hawaii** retreat on Oahu. I asked Mrs. Cachola how they get their children to attend Mass together every Sunday. She said she grew up in a large musical family who proudly attended Mass and would sing their hearts out for the Lord. It was her wish to honor her grandmother that her family live by those examples of love. Pope Francis describes family as a fundamental cell of society. We open the door to faith for our children, but they must walk through it themselves. Pictured, from left, Blaise, Alexia, Brennen, Mrs. Cachola, Michaela and Byron Jr. Not pictured, Mr. Cachola. (Reported by Steve Torres)

WAIALUA**St. Michael Parish**

There will be **no adoration** of the Holy Eucharist in December. Instead, there was scheduled an **adult faith formation session** on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in St. Damien Hall. The special guest speaker that eve-

ning was **Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona** who spoke on preparation of Advent and the **Year of Mercy**. (From the parish bulletin)

KULIOUOU**Holy Trinity Parish**

The **Catholic for Christmas** program began here Nov. 24. **Father Dennis Koshko** has permission to begin this program for the **Year of Mercy** as proclaimed by **Pope Francis**. We are honored to be able to provide the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist in just four sessions. What a great Christmas present for you, your family and our church to become Catholic for Christmas and be part of our church family. (From the parish bulletin)

HONOLULU**Srs. Peter and Paul Parish**

Parish outreach volunteer **Geri O'Leary**, gave this report in a recent parish bulletin. "Last month, while we were distributing the 32 pound boxes of food to our seniors, a **man who appeared to be in his late 30s** came up and asked if he could have some food. I was about to explain that our event was

only for low-income seniors and that our regular pantry was closed. Then I looked up into this man's eyes, and I saw "hunger, real hunger, personified." I don't know how else to describe the deep haunting look in this man's eyes. We gave him something to eat, but rather than begin eating, he asked if he could have another snack pack for his wife and son. We were able to help the family and give them food to tie them over the weekend. We also sent them to Waikiki Health Clinic for additional assistance. I thank God for this experience as it served as a reminder of what we do in outreach and why we do it." (From the parish bulletin)

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

"Keep the Change" was the theme of **Life Teen Youth Ministry's** fall retreat, Nov. 20-22, at Camp Waianae. Eighty-seven teens and 50 team members bonded in reflection and prayer on how to continue their spiritual conversion and go on living the change they experienced at the retreat. Retreat directors **Shaun Agtarap, Francis Dumlao and Nowey Pasion-Callueng**, with

assistance from youth coordinator **Alex Song**, guided the teens on a spirit-filled event that started with the sacrament of reconciliation on Friday night, Nov. 20 and ended with 5 p.m. Mass on Nov. 22. (Reported by Julia Torres)

5 PAPAIKOU**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

The **High School Youth Ministry**, under the direction of **Inez Johnson**, put together **Thanksgiving baskets** as a community service for the **homebound of our parish**. With generous donations from parishioners they were able to fulfill the required amount with large boxes of canned goods and goodies. ... Busy time at the parish with Advent preparations, Christmas Masses, the annual Novena Masses sponsored by the **Filipino Catholic Club**, the parish Christmas party, and the hosting of the **East Hawaii Vicariate meeting**. (Reported by Pat Phillips)

6 WAIHEE**St. Ann Parish**

For a month, parishioners have unselfishly donated to the annual **Thanksgiving basket drive**. On Nov. 22, eight families received the fruits of this collaborative effort spearheaded by outreach coordinator **Precila Peros**. Precila says it's like the loaves and fishes — it may appear that there will be a shortage, but when the distribution is complete, baskets are overflowing. During offertory, the children of the catechism program processed in with some of the donations, including fresh vegetables, baby food and non-perishables. As we are encouraged to share with our brothers and sisters in need, we are also reminded to provide healthy alternatives; a mix of brown and white rice was provided. May we show our gratefulness for our blessings from the Lord, not only during the holidays but every day with those we encounter. (Reported by Frances Asuncion)

7 MOLOKAI**St. Damien Parish**

Several parish **youth and adults** took a break from the whirlwind of activities at the **National Catholic Youth Conference** in Indianapolis for a photo with **Bishop Larry Silva**. The Nov. 18-22 conference was an opportunity to gather with more than 20,000 youth and adults for prayer, community and empowerment. The group was interviewed on EWTN. Everyone had a great time. Pictured, top row, **Alicia Bicoy** (chaperone); **Christian Ragenton**, **Omer Merkel** (chaperone) Standing, **Adelina Aragon** (chaperone); **Kekama Naeole Starkey**, **Paula Maroto**, **Janice Piro**, **Jersula Manaba** (chaperone/ youth coordinator); **Bishop Larry Silva**, **Glorydel Rabara**, **Gelly-Ann Ringor**, **Catherine Merkel**. Kneeling, **Decker Bicoy**, **Lahialihi Manaba**, **Noeau Likua**. Not pictured, but in attendance, was our pastor **Father William F. Petrie**, **Blessilda Nicolas** and **Cassandra Ragenton**. (Reported by Maria Sullivan)

8 HAIKU**St. Rita Parish**

On Nov. 7 we celebrated our **Fifth Annual Fall Sale**. It was a beautiful day as our parish family welcomed the Maui community with a

huge rummage, furniture, plants, homemade goodies, produce, food and a silent auction. Our thrift store was open as well. Added to this year's food venue was **Father Leonard Ssempijja's** potato jacket. What is a potato jacket? It is a huge baked potato with toppings of your choice, chili, cheese, sour cream, onions, etc. It was wonderful and enjoyed by many! Pictured from left is the hardworking food crew, **Lito Urayanza**, **Marie Drury**, **Collette Alexander**, **Father Leonard** and **Connie Munoz**. We thank all who gave generously of their time, talent and treasure to our annual event. It was successful and a great time for all who came to support our church. (Reported by Esther Yap)

9 MAKAKILO**St. Jude Parish**

On Nov. 21, our **Food Pantry volunteers** helped unload and pack over 300 **Thanksgiving meals-to-go** for those in need. The **Ko Olina Resort** has been providing the food for this event for several years. Pictured are outreach/food pantry volunteers, from left, **Lynn, Judy, Alexis, Raylene** and **Noreen**. On behalf of our pastor **Father Khanh Hoang**, a big mahalo to all of the volunteers who shared their time! (Reported by Caren Argenzia)

10 NUUANU**St. Stephen Parish**

Bishop Larry Silva conferred the **sacrament of confirmation** on six of our young parish members on Nov. 1 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Congratulations to our confirmandi **Carter Chun**, **Eden Chun**, **Kailli Lavarias**, **Noah Lavarias**, **Mackenzie Martines** and **Kacie Yamamoto**. Eden, Mackenzie and Noah together sang the Responsorial Psalm. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with a zealous desire to love and serve the Lord. We thank and appreciate the support and guidance of their loving parents, catechists and sponsors. After Mass, families and parishioners joined the confirmandi with a luncheon and fellowship in the church hall. Mahalo to all who made this day a joyful time. (Reported by Ginny Jordan; photo by Mel Labrador)

11 WAIPAHU**St. Joseph Parish**

Veterans and active military personnel were honored at a special Veteran's Mass at noon on Sunday, Nov. 15. Some veterans came in their uniforms, still fit as a fiddle! As they stood to be blessed by **Father Napoleon Andres**, each was recognized in a "roll call" stating name, branch of service, rank and years of service served. With pride, families and friends were teary eyed for their hero. A reception followed. Kudos to **Bernie Galang**, who coordinated this celebration with **Father Efron Tomas** and the **Stewardship Committee**. She is the wife of **Deacon Keith Galang**, who served in the U.S. Navy, retiring as lieutenant commander. Pictured is **Sgt. First Class (Ret.) Juanito Manibog**, who served 27 years in the Hawaii Army National Guard. Sgt. Manibog served as commentator and other veterans served as ushers, eucharistic ministers and lecturers. ... This celebration is one of many during the parish anniversary year, 2015-2016, marking the 70th anniversary of our school, the 75th an-



iversary of our church in its present site, and our 80th anniversary as an independent parish. The finale celebration is March 19, 2016, the feast of Saint Joseph. ... Our **Outreach Food Pantry**, ministered by the **religious education department** (**Gerri Simbahon**, DRE) and assisted by **AGAPE Youth and Young Adults** (**Al Simbahon**, coordinator) provided food and food gift certificates to more than 102 families on Nov. 10 for an early Thanksgiving. The need to feed the hungry has increased. We may have more homeless due to the displacement in Honolulu and our compassionate community continues to feed them. We are blessed! (Reported by Irene Sandry; photo by Donna Manibog)

12 HAWAII**Sacred Heart Parish**

On Nov. 15, **Father Eli** enjoyed celebrating with the children, our first **Children and Youth Mass** for the 2015-2016 religious education year. Children and youth served as ushers, cantors, choir, altar servers and presenters of gifts. Thank you to our leaders **Hope Keawe** and **Mel Yanos**, our mentors **Liz Bautista**, **Darnell Carvalho** and **Maile Lincoln**, our catechist **Evie Adams**, **Deacon Tom Adams**, **Ellen Caitano**, **Angela Costa**, **Jaime Lee Drew**, **Lauren Ongoy**, **Fred Silva**, **Sandie Torres** and **Melis-**

sa Virtue. Student helpers **Tanya Adams**, **Gabrielle Bartolome** and **Naomi Keawe**. The Children and Youth Mass will be celebrated every third Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Thank you to all the parents who came. (Reported by Lee Rivera; photo by Maile Lincoln)

13 KAHUKU**St. Roch Parish**

Our pastor **Father Jun Postrano** not only preaches the Word of God at our parish but from the stands of Halawa Stadium. He braved the rain to watch the football championship game between the **Kahuku Red Raiders** and the **Saint Louis Crusaders**. Parishioners **Myrna** and **Don Ramos**, left of Father Jun, watched the game with him. (Reported by Angel M. Ramos)

14 KEKAHA**St. Theresa Parish,**

The **75th Jubilee planning committee** is hard at work planning and coordinating activities for our **75th anniversary celebration**, Oct. 1, 2016. The original parish church was dedicated in 1941. However, our mission church in Waimea, **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**, was built in 1899. Our parish school opened in 1946. Both our parish church and school were re-

built after the church caught fire and Hurricane Iniki destroyed the school. The committee has held fundraisers and plan more to help offset the cost of entertainment and other expenses for next year's anniversary dinner. We're still deciding on the venue, but up-to-date information can be found on our Facebook page (St. Theresa Parish 75th Diamond Jubilee) and parish website (www.kekahacatholic.com). We invite other parishes to join us in celebrating our parish's 75-year presence in the Kekaha and Waimea communities. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

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

To many children in Hawaii, Nov. 11 was a day they could sleep in late, spend time with friends and family, or go to the beach or the mall because it was Veterans Day. It was a day to reflect on the sacrifices our men and women of the armed forces have made to keep our country safe and protect our freedom. Each year, teachers do various things in remembrance and tribute. For the past three years, second grade teacher **Miss Chantelle Enos** puts on a Veterans Program. Her students invite friends, neighbors and relatives who have served, or are still in the military, so that the children can properly thank them. It also gives the young boys and girls the op-

portunity to ask questions and learn more about what it means to serve. Four guests shared their experiences of the duties, challenges and joys of serving our country. The students learned that members of the military travel to far and exotic places such as Asia, uninhabitable places such as the Antarctic and historical places in the United States, while making life-long friends all over the world. The program included a mini-prayer service, a patriotic song of thanks, and handmade gifts of appreciation. Miss Enos said, "This yearly event has been a fulfilling way for us to share our appreciation with the real heroes of our nation." The guests also explained how the military gives us the opportunity to learn a trade and pays you to further your education. Guests included two parents, one grandfather, and a spouse of a faculty member. Pictured, men from left, **Murvyn Lewis** (Marines), **Charles Loiselle** (Navy), **Russell Salazar** (Air Force), **Raymond Callorina** (Navy), and teacher **Miss Enos** and her second grade class. (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

MILILANI**St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish**

Our parish celebrated **Veterans Day** at the 8 a.m. Mass on Nov. 11. The parish **Boy Scout Troop 144** presented colors, followed by an A/V ministry video, which accompanied the national anthem. **Father Bill Kennedy**, chaplain at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, presided and **Father Mbinda** and **Father Boniface** con-celebrated. Prayer cards were passed out by the **Veterans in the Pews Ministry**. (Reported by the parish)

16 HONOLULU**Sacred Hearts Academy High School**

On Nov. 12 and 13, our **seniors** reflected on "Beginning from the End" during their overnight retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Kalihi. Despite the rain and a power outage, the seniors explored how the end of one phase of life is the beginning of another adventure. The challenges posed by nature during the retreat were prime examples of unexpected obstacles in life that can be overcome with God's help and the support and encouragement of family and friends. The retreat was organized by the **Living in Faith Experience team** with assistance from **Campus Ministry**, class advisor **Lurline Choy** and a group of dedicated mothers. Pictured: **Laurin Remular**, **Campus Minister Sister Katherine Francis Miller**, **Brook Silva** and **Alexandra Seto**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

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

Students helped bring our **Thanksgiving baskets** to our parish's **social ministry pantry volunteers**. Following our 8:15 a.m. weekly Mass on Nov. 18, the students, families, faculty and staff were again privileged to donate the baskets, which are our annual **Operation Love, Peace and Hope** project. This year we were able to provide our parish pantry with 1,518-plus non-perishable goods. This project enables our school community to act as the blessing we are called to be for our brothers and

sisters. (Reported by Kahae Maikai-Iakopo)

18 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

After over a month of preparation, our Lower School **FIRST LEGO League** (FLL) team tested its skills against 21 other teams at the FLL Kalani District Tournament on Nov. 11. The team showcased their work on Trash Trek, excelling in the four competition segments and robot design, project, robot performance and core values, or teamwork. Their efforts leading up to the event paid off, as the team was one of only seven to qualify for the FLL State Championships on Dec. 5 at the Blaisdell Arena. Team members, led by coaches **Lacey Teshima** and **Jennifer Arthur**, are especially appreciative of the more than 450 people who either completed their FLL online survey or donated Styrofoam trays. The trays were used in the team's project, a beanbag chair, made of the recycled materials. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



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19 HONOLULU Cathedral Catholic Academy

Our school held a **clothing drive** organized through **SAVERS**. Each class participated and the pick-up date was announced. Volunteer students, teachers and parents gathered to collect and load the truck. The school receives payment based on the weight of the donated items. (Reported by Michael K. Paekukui; photo by Melissa Pavlicek)



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20 HONOLULU Damien Memorial School

Forty junior and senior male students participated in our four-day voluntary weekend **Encounter Retreat** at Camp Homelani in Mokuieia, Nov. 20-23. This retreat was a mature, serious experience that allowed upperclassmen "encounter" themselves, contemplate their relationships with other people, and ultimately encounter the person of Jesus Christ. This amazing program has been offered to Damien students for 26 years. Many alumni identify this retreat as one of their most memorable experiences. Senior team leaders **Justin Paeste**, rector and assistant rector **Jared Miller** and **Kalama Paulo-Aio**, plus group leaders **Tui Fua, Ethan Diaz, Storm Maldonado, Aston Murakami, Huy Nguyen** and **Dominic Sousa** facilitated group discussions. Justin gave his thoughts on the experience: "Being the rector for Damien's encounter, I felt the weight of history and tradition on my shoulders. When I first saw the faces of the candidates, they reminded me of myself when I first went on the retreat. I remembered the calmness and gentleness of our past rector and this inspired me. As the retreat progressed, I saw boys who I had known since we were freshmen become young men. From my perspective, I truly saw each of them encounter God." A second men's Encounter Retreat is in April. A women's retreat is scheduled for February. (Reported by Diane M. Lota; photo by Dexter Asuncion)



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21 KANEHOE St. Ann Model School

On Nov. 24, the students celebrated Thanksgiving. **Model School and Early Learning Center classes** partnered to reflect on what they were most thankful for. Older students worked with younger students making Thanksgiving keychains. They then gathered in our Food Court, decked out in a festive autumn theme, for a delicious

Thanksgiving lunch. The students were especially thankful to have **Father Herman Gomes, Father Ed Popish** and **Father Antony Dass** as their special guests. The next morning the entire parish community celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass, ministered by the **fifth grade**. The Mass procession included students carrying baskets of canned goods for our parish's Project Share. We were fortunate to have Hawaii Catholic Schools superintendent **Mike Rockers** and marketing director **Deborah Manog** attend. Pictured are fifth grade students **Vivienne Minaglia** and **Tiani Souza** helping 4-year-old **Hayden Lau** make a key chain. (Reported by Kuulei Halemano)

22 HONOLULU St. Anthony School

"Giving thanks is divine." This was the message of **Father Arnel Soriano, MS**, in his Thanksgiving Day Mass homily Nov. 24. Father Arnel reminded the **students** to thank

their parents and teachers, not only on Thanksgiving Day but every day. The students ran up to Father Arnel while he was giving his homily to hug and thank him. They also went to their parents and teachers and hugged and thanked them. The **PTG officers and homeroom representatives** showed their gratitude to the faculty and staff by presenting them with beautiful leis. After Mass, the eighth annual **fund raising winners** were drawn. Congratulations to all the winners! Celebrations continued in every classroom. Students made cards for the teachers then a Thanksgiving meal followed. This is how we celebrate Thanksgiving Day at St. Anthony ... Lots of love and food! (Reported by Tess Reyes)

23 KAILUA St. Anthony School

On a Friday and Saturday in November, students, parents and community were privileged to see a performance of **"Snow White"**

performed by **fifth and eighth graders**. Teacher advisors **Mrs. Laree Ott** and **Mrs. Marcia Braden** helped the students perform, produce and design the play. The audience laughed, were a bit frightened and participated in the performance. We are so happy to have such a talented group of people. On Nov. 20 we celebrated **Thanksgiving Mass** at which the food collected over the month was blessed and made ready for those in need. Our prayer service the day before Thanksgiving left us with an "attitude of gratitude" as we began our Thanksgiving celebrations, remembering those who are less fortunate, and being grateful for what we have. The singing was especially angelic that day. With Advent upon us we will carry this message throughout this holiday season. (Reported by Patricia Barros)

24 KAPAA St. Catherine School

November has been a time of learn-

ing and fun. On Nov. 16, **middle school students** visited the **Biomass Power Plant** on Kauai where they learned that the Albizia trees are an invasive species brought here to reforest areas of higher elevations. It was an amazing opportunity for them to learn how humanity has the knowledge and responsibility to care for God's beautiful creation. ... On Nov. 17, **kindergarten through eighth grade** enjoyed "Mary Poppins" presented by **Hawaiian Children Theater**. Some of our former students were in the cast. ... On Nov. 15 and 22, our students took on roles of lecturers, cantors, gift bearers and altar servers at our **Adopt Student Appeal Masses** at St. Catherine Church and **St. William Church**. Parishioners and visitors complimented the job of our students. ... We are happy to announce our annual **Patriot Pen Essay winners!** All first place essays will advance to the statewide contest. Congratulations to sixth grade winners: **1. Tory Refamont, 2. Richard Silliman, 3. Melina Ventura**. Seventh grade winners: **1. Tawni Szakal, 2. David Cruz, 3. Michael Rosa**. And eighth grade winners: **1. James Triplett, 2. Mazy Carlson, 3. Gabriel Ballesteros**. (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

25 WAIPAHU St. Joseph School

Give thanks! On Nov. 24, at our morning assembly, **Father Efrén** led us in a special blessing. Our school donated **16 Thanksgiving baskets** to our **parish outreach office** to help needy families in our community have a special Thanksgiving meal. Baskets included bags of rice, canned goods, mashed potatoes, a Times Supermarket certificate for a turkey and cards made by students. Thank you very much for your generous donations. (Reported by Keala Kia)

26 HILO St. Joseph Junior-Senior High School

The third place finish at the **TMT Big Island East VEX** tournament was enough to get our **seventh graders** invited to states. The seventh grade team: **Rudy Castro, Lillian Salvador-Smith, Conchita Rivera, Consuela Rivera and Johnathan Efrink**. The 10th grade team came in 11th: **Kosuke Nomaru, Philip Kim, Raycen Lum, Jake Au**. (Reported by Fayth Paekukui)

27 SALT LAKE St. Philomena Early Learning Center

The faculty and students participated in **Operation Christmas Child** where they filled 87 shoeboxes with gifts that will be sent to less fortunate children in third world countries. This is just our little way of spreading the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Reported by Rowena Agcanas)

28 KAILUA St. John Vianney School

Seventh grader **Justice Colburn** has made the **2015 Olympic Development Hawaii Soccer Team**, recognizing her as one of the best of the best in the Islands (top 16 players in her age group), selected to represent Hawaii in the Region IV Champions Tournament in Phoenix in January 2016. It is an amazing opportunity for Justice to be identified by college/national team coaches. She will train at a college campus for two days and compete against other strong Region IV teams. The hope is that she will earn a spot on

the watch list for coaches to monitor her development for the next few years. ... Congratulations to our **2015-16 Spelling Bee contestants** and winners: SJV champion **Daisy Spalding** (grade 8) and first runner up **Chloe Mastitis** (Grade 7). Daisy and Chloe will go on to represent our school at the District Bee in January. Contestants included Grade 4, **Aiden Fenske** and **Zachary Masaitis**; grade 5, **Noel Ah Mook Sang** and **Jonathan Goya**; grade 6, **Elijah Spalding**; grade 7, **Braden Sardinha** and **Conner O'Sullivan**; grade 8, **Max Saint-Cyr**. Many thanks to their advisor **Ms. Gina Carnazzo**. ... The school's **Christmas pageant** is Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in the church. Students will joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with music and song. All are welcome. For more information please call 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)

29 MAKAWAO St. Joseph Early Learning Center

La Salette **Father Jaime Jose** blesses the **Malassada Crew** before they began to make over 150 dozen of the popular tasty treat. Father Jose blessed all the workers and crafters at the annual **Christmas Craft Fair fundraiser** for the early learning center. The event was well attended, with food, entertainment by **Anthony Sardine** and a visit by **Santa**, which made for a great way to start the holiday season. Thank you all who made this event a success. God bless you all. (Reported by Helen Souza)

30 AIEA St. Elizabeth School

Our **first graders** listen attentively as their robotics teacher **Mr. Fong** instructs them on the use of **Bee-Bots**. This programmable floor robot is the perfect and fun tool to introduce control, directional language and programming to young students. Bee-bots enhance learning in literacy, science and math. The students are engaged in learning to use their Bee-Bots and can't wait for the next class. (Reported by Sharon Nagasawa)

31 HONOLULU St. Theresa School

Our **student body** has reached out to the cry of justice this Thanksgiving season. The school has chosen to help **Family Promise of Hawaii**. We were made aware of this program from our principal **Sister John Joseph Gilligan, CSJ**. The **Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet** assist this non-profit organization which helps homeless families with children transition toward independent living. Founded



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in Hawaii in 2005, Family Promise recruit volunteer religious congregations to provide safe places to sleep, good food, and generous hospitality. Guests sleep at host sites for a week at a time, before moving on to permanent housing. During the day, the guests work, pursue employment, attend school, or are enrolled in a job-training program. Two family

centers provide phones, mail, fax, a copier, showers, and laundry facilities. Three to five families (up to 14 individuals) can be accommodated at a host site at any given time. All students were asked to donate money or items such as toiletries, household items, canned goods, bathroom supplies and office supplies. Each class put together **Thanksgiving**

baskets which were picked up by Family Promise volunteers. The hottest items needed were rice cookers and bags of rice. The school ohana was very generous and the students continue to learn to give and help others as part of their mission as Catholic school students. (Reported by Liane Bilonta)

32 KEKAHA St. Theresa School

As reported in our last article, the **school ohana** joined our brothers and sisters at **Holy Cross Parish** for their monthly **Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen** on Nov.17. Here's a big "Mahalo!" from principal **Mary Jean Buza Sims**: Mahalo to our **faculty and staff** for hosting the dinner for the homeless at Holy Cross soup kitchen! To **Bambi and Clarissa Emayo** for your awesome ministry to our Kauai community! Make a difference in your community, participate in programs to help our homeless brothers and sisters ... it is our kuleana! ... The students gave of their treasure at the Thanksgiving Mass collection to help fund airfare for children from neighbor islands to join their moms at the women's prison on Oahu. This is the **Star Light, Star Bright Ministry** of the Diocese of Honolulu! Mahalo ke Akua for giving us the opportunity to serve in this Year of Mercy! Pictured are members of the school ohana at Holy Cross Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Mary Jean Buza Sims)

33 HONOLULU Saint Louis School

Congratulations to three ninth graders who were grade level winners in the **2015 Eddie Would Go Essay Contest**, sponsored by the **Eddie Aikau Foundation**. A \$350 cash prize for second place went to **Aeron-Justin Bali** and honorable mention (\$100 each) went to **Cole Kashimoto** and **Cody Y.K. Noh**. Their English teacher is **Raymond Abregano**. (Reported by Faye Murakana)

34 HONOLULU Star of the Sea School

This year, under the guidance of **Catholic Charities Hawaii**, students were given the opportunity to help three different groups of families for Thanksgiving — **Supportive Services for Veteran Families, The Mary Jane Home and Star of the Sea Parish Families**. Each class was given a family and their special story of need. The students and their families stepped up and provided an array of items ranging from baby items and hygiene products to much needed food. They filled the baskets not only with the items requested by the families, but also with notes of support and encouragement and lots of love. Thank you to all our students and their families! Pictured, fifth graders **Owen Zitz, Yuko Nagakura, GianCarlo Rufo, Mai Tashiro, Nahoa AhYo, Jason Leung and Miki Mori**. (Reported by Roselyn Vicente McMahon)

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Everything is still in storage; we're putting items on Craig's list & Facebook for the time being; check-it-out. Keep checking here for updates - we'll keep you posted! Please, Pray for us. Mahalo nui loa.

Statewide! Mail • Phone • Email Orders accepted! Mainland, too!

While in "storage," we'll accept orders, via U.S. Mail, phone and/or email, if we have in storage and can get to it, we'll ship to you immediately; if have to order from vendor, it will take 3 weeks or less. Thank You.