1 KAHULUI

Christ the King Parish

A special parish **blessing of**

47 married couples and 35

widows and widowers on

Sept. 22 was a special and emo-

ding pictures, wedding rings and

other memorabilia to be blessed.

officiated. Mahalo to all who at-

tended! Mahalo also to the com-

mittee who prepared this special

event: Father Arellano, Char-

lene Yamashiro and Lucy

Peros (chairpersons), Con-

rado Cortez and Mildred

Cambra (music). **Tavtum**

Chai and Lehiwa Caldito

(flower girls), Madelyne and

Ray Pascua (hula, Hawaiian

cual (photographer), Perfecta

Cabalce, Carole Chai, Nan-

cy Tanji, Carol Ursua, Anita

Sharon Kalani, Kathy Saca-

panio and Eleanor Aquinde

(Reported by Audie Pascual, with

Immaculate Conception

On Sept. 28, about 200 parish-

ioners from Kauai's five parishes

gathered for the annual dinner.

live entertainment and crowning

ceremony for the Miss Kauai

Charity Queen. This year's

winner was Angelika Ques-

tin from St. Catherine Parish

in Kapaa. The Charity Queen

contest is actually a fundraiser

for the Kauai Council of Fili-

pino Catholic Clubs. Most of

the funds raised are for student

scholarships and donations in

support of parish projects. All

the young ladies participating

receive generous scholarships.

Angelika Questin, Janine

Leina Rose Fune. (Reported

by Father Bill Shannon; photo by

Immaculate Heart of Mary

We have a very active high

school youth and adult

Reynard Galdones and

James Pratt Jr. They have

been collecting scrap material

to the **Problem Pregnancy**

Center on Oahu for distribu-

tion. Pictured, from left, are

and have started sewing quilts

for newborns. These will be sent

"busy bees" Reynard Galdones,

Callie Villanueva, Kesha Kubo,

Ammina Galdones and Pam Lv-

Kalaoa Catholic Cemetery

project. Lots of our parishioners

have family and friends buried

Halloween Carnival for the

parish children on Oct. 27. More

projects in November! Good job!

block rosary for the month of

October. Many in the Hamakua

friends and neighbors to join

them in prayer to our Blessed

Mother. Rosaries are also being

said before Masses on Saturday

Catholic Community invite their

You are all truly appreciated!

Our parish Filipino Catho-

lic Club started hosting the

there. They will also host the

in late October is their next

man. A clean-up of the graves at

ministry under the direction

of Inez Johnson and her staff

ha Kubo, Callie Villanueva,

Tasha Haimoto-Leite, Kes-

Pictured from left: Lauren

Manibog, Loie Lapitan,

Prado, Kristine Garcia,

Roland Manibog)

3 PAPAIKOU

Parish

thanks to Lucy Peros)

2 LIHUE

Parish

Wedding Song), Audie Pas-

Fernandes, Judy Moniz,

Chargualaf (publicity), Irene

Father Adondee Arellano

tional event. The participants

brought with them their wed-

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD

and Sunday. (Reported by Pat Phillips; photo by Inez Johnson)

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Sacred Heart Parish Welcome back religious education staff. teachers and students. After many years of service as religious ed coordinator, Mary Lou Ignacio has stepped down. We thank Mary Lou for her many years of ministry. Evie Adams has volunteered to be our CRE. On her religious education team are: kindergarten, **Rachel** Murai-Wilson; first and second grades. Barbara Izumi third grade. Sandie Torres and Cathy Furukado; fourth and fifth grades. **Fred Silva**: sixth grade, Ellen Caitano; seventh and eighth grades, Darnell Caravalho and Angela **Costa**, first and second year Confirmation, Deacon Tom, Peter Babin and Melissa Virture. Reserved catechist, Carol Ching and Rita Maria. We wish our religious education program an awesome year of faith and learning. (Reported by Lee Rivera)

5 KAILUA-KONA St. Michael Parish

We celebrated St. Michael the Archangel feast day on Sept. 28 and 29. On Sept. 28, a special Mass brought together the congregations of St. Michael, St. Paul, Holy Rosary and **Immaculate Conception** churches. Before Mass. the His panic youth group shared a dance from their Aztec heritage. The entrance procession included pu kane, oli and kahili bearers from our Hawaiian culture and 15 countries were represented with their flags and parishioners dressed in cultural attire bearing gifts from their native homelands. The Mass was celebrated in Spanish and English. After Mass, parishioners and visitors were treated to food samples from the 15 nations. Feast day festivities continued on Sept. 30 with entertainment by Mexican dancers, games for the children, silent and live auctions, and the country store. (Reported by Shirley David)

KALAHEO **Holy Cross Parish**

Krvstin-Marie Garcia was the Holy Cross/Sacred Heart candidate for the Kauai Coun cil of Filipino Catholic Club's annual Charity Queen **Contest** in August. She spent most of the month drumming up monetary support to enable the FCC to sponsor activities for our parish community. The Charity Queen 2013 is Angelica Questin of St (Kapaa. The princesses are Lein**aRose Fune** of St. Raphael: Janine Prado of St. Theresa: Loie Lapitan of Immaculate Conception, and Krystin-Marie from Holy Cross. Congratulations to all! The coronation was Sept. 28 at St. Catherine. ... On I Do Care Day Aug. 31, children, youths and adult parishioners brought tools from home to spend the morning cleaning and clearing the grounds around the parish cemetery and church. Mahalo to all who gave time and brawn to keep our parish clean and neat! Mahalo nui also to Father Edison for providing the pizza for lunch! ... The holy rosary will be said daily a half hour prior to the week-

end Masses during October, the



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month of the rosary. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up to lead the rosary or say a decade. You may also join the KFCC and FCC units at the **Public** Square Rosary at noon Oct. 12 on the lawn of the historic County Building. ... Register now for the Kauai Faith Formation Conference Oct. 18-19 at Immaculate Conception School. The parish will pay for any parishioner who is registered. ... Coming in October, the annual Westside Ministries Concert of Choirs! Join the Christian church choirs from Kauai's westside at they share inspirational songs of glory and praise! And bring a favorite dish to share at the fellowship afterward. (Reported by Judy

6 KULA

Cabanting)

Kula Catholic Community The **religious education** program celebrated its first ren's Mass of the school year Sept. 29 at Holy Ghost Church. In preparation for the Mass, a special choir practice is held with the assistance of choir director Fred Janosko Pictured are Confirmation students Brittney Lundberg and **Kamaile Aipa** helping First Communion students Nalei Ramos and Aiyana Bowes follow along in the music book. (Reported by Mary Jean S. Bega)

7 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish Every second weekend of each month, parishioners Leona Cravalho. Linda Estrella and Helen Estrella (pictured) make available their variety of award-winning homemade breads, jams, jellies and pickled peppers. Everyone looks forward to these scrumptious family baked and homemade



goods. As a family fundraising project, all proceeds are generously earmarked for the St. Rita debt reduction of the land purchased under our paris church. On Nov. 2, their homemade items will be available at the parish rummage sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plants, baked goods, crafts and specialty items will also be added this year. Mark vour calendars and come and help support our church at 655 Haiku Road. Make sure you go home with some of the Estrellas' delicious homemade goodies! (Reported by Esther

8 KEKAHA St. Theresa Parish

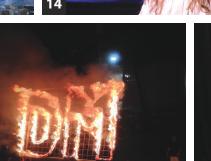
A all-school Mass Sept. 26 marked the beginning of a Triduum of Masses honoring our parish patron saint. St. Therese of Lisieux, or St. Theresa of the Little Flower of Jesus. Students, alumni, parents and friends learned much about this special saint as the **sixth**, **seventh and** eighth graders presented facts and posters about St. Theresa, An afternoon Mass on Sept. 27 was followed by **par**ish appreciation dinner at the Sheraton Kauai Resort Hotel highlighting our school. It was a great night of delicious food, fellowship and entertainment.

Priests, deacons and parishioners from our sister parishes attended, along with Kauai Mayor Bernard and Mrs. Regina Carvalho. On Sunday our new **parish pastoral** council was installed at the morning Mass. A procession to the St. Theresa grotto in front of the school followed where pravers were offered and parish ioners placed flowers around the statue. The parish then enjoyed a Family Fun Day with a potluck and games led by our parish youth. It was a beautiful day closing out the wonderful activities honoring St. Theresa. Mahalo to everyone who made our celebrations memorable and successful! Pictured is Mayor Carvalho singing with our island priests and St. Theresa School students. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Nelly Capino)

KALAUPAPA St. Francis Parish

The night before **Sister of** St. Francis Rose Annette Ahuna disappeared into the departing Makani Kai's twinengine plane, we had toasted and roasted her as she prepared to leave us after four years of wonderful ministry here. Sister Rose, or as I liked to call her, the Rose of Kalaupapa, is 83 going on 38 and full of pep. After a life dedicated to teaching and





running day care centers for

children, she and fellow Fran-

ciscan Sister Theresa Chow

had volunteered to walk in the

footsteps of St. Mother Mari

anne Cope by ministering here

in Kalaupapa. We are so happy

that they did. When Sister Rose

was not busy indoor at Bishop

Home doing household chores,

or in St. Francis Church taking

linens, she could be seen out-

door keeping the Bishop Home

She always participated in our

community meetings and was

We will truly miss her presence

Samuel who has come to take

on Sister Theresa! Long live the

Rose of Kalaupapa as she begins

her place, and to keep an eye

the next chapter in her life at

St Francis Convent in Manoa

rick Killilea, ss.cc.)

Holy Trinity Parish

KULIOUOU

Aloha. (Reported by Father Pat-

Believe it or not we need to be-

gin to prepare for Christmas!

The **music ministry** is seeking

children and youth between the

ages of 5-18 who are interested

in helping with the 5 p.m. Chil-

mas Eve. Rehearsal takes place

at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesdays with

dren's Liturgy on Christ-

a live presence at every party

even as we welcome **Sister**

property in beautiful shape.

care of the altar or the altar

more time added if necessary. Please contact Trissa Walter at tkkbear@vahoo.com or 253-0962. (From the parish bulletin)

9 HONOLULU **Holy Family Catholic** Academy

students brought in personal care items such as disposable shavers, shampoo, sun block, deodorant, wipes, toothpaste, lotions and toothbrushes all destined for **local troops** deployed to Afghanistan These everyday necessities are not always readily available to military personnel assigned to remote locations, and are most welcomed by our soldiers far from home. Our **fourth grade** teachers organized the community service drive this year in support of the school's curriculum celebrating "The Call to Family, Community, and **Participation.**" Pictured are fourth grade students processing in a symbolic presentation of the collected articles at morning assembly. The students completed the task of sorting and boxing the large quantity of donated supplies during their Catholic doctrine classes. God bless our soldiers in the spirit of social justice! (Reported by Christina Malins; photo by Michelle Izon)

















During the month of September,

10 EWA BEACH Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish The Parish Pastoral Advi-

sorv Council (PPAC) organized a parish-wide ministry fair after all Masses, Sept. 28 and 29. Parishioners were asked to make a commitment to give back to God in thanksgiving for all his blessings. They were given the opportunity to consider participating in one or more of the 30 ministries operating in the parish. Members of the ministries handed out flyers and information cards the week before to help in that decision Pictured is Maggie Queypo from Aloha Fellowship Min**istry** who seems to be saying to someone that you belong here. PPAC members who coordinated the fair were Tito Montes, Martha Camacho, Darrvl Saronitman, Tess Texeira, Matthew Brady. Matthew Hines. Lucita Eleccion. Vicky Torres, Deborah Naranjo, Jacob Choe, Tash deCastro and Kathy Sniffen. (Reported by Julia Torres)

11 PEARL CITY Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Jesus said, "Let the children

come to me." At the end of every weekend Mass, the presider welcomes **children** to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a special blessing. Pictured is a group of children receiving the blessing from Msgr. Ted Mercado. The assembly also raises their hands to participate in the blessing. (Reported by Elaine Yamashita)

12 PEARL CITY Our Lady of Good Counsel School

The fourth graders hosted our assembly on Aug. 28. It started with prayer, followed by the reciting of our school-wide dents then sang the "Star Span gled Banner," while the JPOs housed the flag. Everyone joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance," grateful for the many sacrifices that allow us to enjoy so many freedoms. The assembly concluded with everyone singing and dancing to the upbeat song, "Yes Lord." Pictured are our fourth graders and their teacher Mrs. Ledesma. (Reported by Travis L. and Erika T.)

13 EWA BEACH Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

"You light up my life," "the touch of your hand lets me know you will catch me if ever I fall." you are our "bridge over troubled

water," when we are with you, it is always "a good time," and "I am strong when I am on your shoulder." were phrases of endearment used by the students to describe their grandparents during our annual Grandparents Day celebration. The event started with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by entertainment A thunder of applause filled the church after the classes showed their talents of singing and dancing. Grandparents proceeded to the school grounds where they were treated to refreshments provided by the school community. Some grandparents continued the celebration by taking their grandchildren out to lunch The event was really a day of bonding between grandparents and grandchildren. (Reported Remedios O. Cabrera; photo by Father Ed Barut)

14 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Fifth grader **Alyse Glaser** is performing in Paliku Theatre's production of "Les Miserables," filling the roles of Little **Cosette** and **Young Eponine**. The musical production, directed by **Ron Bright**, runs each weekend until Oct. 27. Alyse has performed in numerous Sacred Hearts Academy productions, such as "Willy Wonka"

and "Mulan," and is currently rehearsing for the fall play, "Alice in Wonderland." She is also a member of the **Performing** Arts Center of Kapolei and Dole Cannery's TAG Theater. (The Actors Group) where she performed in productions of "The Miracle Worker" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

15 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Hawaiian guitarist and singer Makana visited our Select Choir class. He listened to the students sing, explained what life is like as a professional musician and entertained with his music. The Select Choir plans to sing **back-up vocals** on a Christmas song for Makana's new album. (Reported by Haley Matson-Mathes

16 WAILUKU St. Anthony Junior-Senior School

After a year of hard work preparing for their performance at Carnegie Hall last year, our high school Symphonic Band had planned a fun, lighthearted concert for their first performance of the year. Their **Pops Con**cert on Sept. 24 became very special when the band officers and students decided to dedicate the concert to **St. Anthony** Grade School fifth grader Mvckel Nanea Tehani Genovia (inset photo). Nanea recently lost her fight with leukemia. Although many of the students didn't know Nanea personally, her story of courage, strength and faith inspired all of the students. The Symphonic Band dedicated the entire performance to Nanea and added a special dedication number, "Let the Spirit Soar," by James Swearingen. The band members wore gold ribbons in awareness of childhood cancer. The high school's **Tri-M Honors Chapter** sponsors a canned food drive at every concert. This canned food drive will be donated in Nanea's name. (Reported by Janice Pruett)

17 HONOLULU

Chaminade University We celebrated our student athletes at a special evening Mass Sept. 22 in the Mystical Rose Oratory. Marianist Father George Cerniglia celebrated the liturgy. which 150 students and athletes attended. A special blessing was given to the athletes at the end of Mass for their respective athletic seasons. The mission of Chami nade's **Campus Ministry** is to intensify our Catholic and Marianist identity throughout the campus community. (Reported by Anthony Selvanathan)

18 HONOLULU

Damien Memorial School We held our first-ever evening pep rally on Sept. 20 to conclude a week of homecoming activities. Mrs. Ashley Kamanao, student government advisor and junior class counselor, organized the celebration with the student government leaders. The football team parents were also an integral part of the planning of this awesome evening The homecoming court, led by king Tristan Florentin, '14, and senior class prince Javce Ikehara. '14. was introduced to the crowd riding in Ford convertibles. Participants in each of the fall sports were recognized and our school band, directed by Mr. Kent Sato provided lively music. A spirited water-balloon toss contest pitted faculty/student teams against each other and families enjoyed ono Hawaiian plates and chili dinners, prepared by Parent Booster **Clubs**. The highlight of the evening was our varsity footbal team's performance of a haka lit up by a flaming "DM"! Leading up to the rally, faculty and staff celebrated Spirit Week with dress down days for donating specific items. We collected 368 towels, 352 bottles of shampoo, 260 tubes of toothpaste, 375 cans of Spam and 400 cans of soup and pork and beans. The collection was co-coordinated by the student government officers, Leo Club members and their faculty advisor, Mrs. Jean Ota. Food items went to the Hawaii Food Bank and the Next Step Homeless Shelter in Kakaako received the non-food items (Reported by Diane M. Lota: photo by Jordan Pascua)

19 HONOLULU Marvknoll School

Maryknoll School partnered with New Seedling International Cultural Exchange Institute (NSICEI) to host the 2013 Hawaii International Youth Arts Festival at the historic Hawaii Theater on Oct. 1. Collaborating with NSICEI. Maryknoll invited more than 100 Chinese student artists and their teachers to perform alongside American students, promoting the sharing of culture and art by develop ing friendships between young people worldwide. Maryknoll's partnership with NSICEI creates memorable experiences for children of Hawaii and China through international student exchanges with schools in Shenzhen and Wuhan. Pictured are student performers waiting in the wings at Hawaii Theater. (Reported by Loryn Guiffre)

20 KAILUA

St. Anthony School Our students honored their grandparents at a special Mass Sept. 13 celebrated by Philippines Bishop Wilfredo D. Manlapaz and parish priests



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Father Clarence Zamora and Father Exsequel Tuyor. At a reception afterward in Father Henry Hall, the kindergarten class performed three songs. ... After a week-long campaign, the fourth-eighth graders elected their new student council on Sept. 17. The new officers were inducted in a candlelight ceremony during Mass on Sept. 27. A prayer and pledge were led by Father Zamora. Principal Mrs. Bridget Olsen pinned each student while advisor Mrs. Uilani Fonoti welcomed them to their new positions. Pictured in the front are Kaylee Cruz, Kali Higa, Alyssa Kawauchi, first vice president Scott Smith, second vice president Nicole Popp and Josiah Akau. In the back, Levi Farag, A.J. Caya, Kili McKee, president Lawrence DeCosta, treasurer Lionel Camara, sergeantat-arms Royce Perkins and faculty advisor Fonoti. ... The very first Safe and Caring School's school-wide activity Sept. 25 was a flag football game between the eighth grade and members of the faculty. Each class picked an NFL team to represent and wrote a class cheer. Students wore their team colors and all had a fun time. ... The PTSG has begun its annual Christmas tree and wreath fundraiser in conjunction with Habilitat to raise money for school improvements. Pre-orders accepted until Oct. 21. Trees remain in refrigerated containers until pick up, which begins Dec. 7 at several locations islandwide. To place an order, email ptsg@saskailua.org or go directly to www.habilitat.com. ... The PTSG is also hosting its annual Harvest Festival 4-8 p.m., Oct. 25, on the school grounds with food, games and exciting family-friendly opportunities. ... A big mahalo to all who donated through the Foodland Give Aloha Fundraiser! The money will be used to enhance the learning environment. (Reported by Kristie Carpenter; photo by

HONOLULU Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

Elizabeth Garrison)

Habilitat is a two-year residential program which for more than 40 years has rehabilitated people with substance/alcohol abuse as well as anti-social behavioral problems. To support this organization, our parish had a second collection on the weekend of Oct. 6-7. Envelopes were provided for donations to this excellent program. Representatives spoke at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. (From the parish bulletin)

EWA

Immaculate Conception

want the whole family to join them in going to Mass. (Reported by Normand H.J. Robert)

MAKAKILO St. Jude Parish

The parish would like to extend a warm aloha and mahalo to **Deacon Modesto Cordero** from the Office of Worship for coming out to give the fascinating presentation: "The Mystery of The Mass: From Greeting to Dismissal." Many parishioners attended as well as those from other parishes. Lots of interesting questions were asked, however, due to time constraints, Deacon Modesto was not able answer them all. Parishioners were enlightened, found it very interesting and now have a better understanding of the Mass. Some expressed they would like to have more of these presentations! (Reported by Caren Argenzia)

WAIALUA St. Michael Parish

A few months ago, parishioners whose marriages were never recognized in the church had asked if they could have them blessed. The Office of the **Tribunal and Canonical** Affairs received their request seeking a **Dispensation of** Mixed Marriage (Protestant and Catholic) and have granted permission to have the marriages blessed. On October 12, at our 5 p.m. Mass, Father Keahi will convalidate these marriages which will allow the Catholic party to receive the Sacraments again. (From the parish bulletin)

21 HONOLULU Cathedral Catholic Academy

Our school celebrated the **"Year** of Faith" in conjunction with this year's school-wide theme "Renew The Spirit through the Gifts of the Spirit." Students gather each month to share their Gift of the Spirit for the month. So far, the gifts of Wisdom and Understanding have been celebrated at our schoolwide monthly Gift of the Spirit festival. (*Reported by Michael Palekukui*)

22 HONOLULU

St. John the Baptist School Nature's "straw" in action! **Sister Estelita's third grade science class** watch colored water travel up through a stalk of celery. The children placed a celery stalk in a glass of water with food coloring and observed the effects. To the students' surprise, the colored water began moving up the stalk. Water travels through the tubes in the plant's stem and leaves. *(Reported by Ainona M. Petelo)*





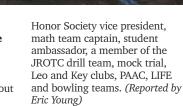






their \$15,000 grant and the Samuel and Mary Castle Foundation for their \$25,000 grant to help pay for the renovation," said the pastor Father Tom Gross. The renovation extends to the **computer** room which was repainted and received new carpeting, new tables and better lighting. The library, moved upstairs to accommodate the expanded preschool. also has new carpeting and tables. A new second floor science classroom/lab has storage, sinks, special lab tables and chairs and will greatly enhance the learning environment. "We thank the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation for their \$30,000 grant to help improve the science education of our middle school students," said principal Caryn DeMello. (Reported by Earl Walker)





beautiful open air church. It was a fulfilling day, thanks to the planning and preparation of our religious education director **Dominican Sister Georgina Delgado**. Over lunch, the staff was already looking forward to and planning the next retreat. That was a good sign that it was a successful and spirit-filled day enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who made the day a blessing. (*Reported by Helen Souza*)

26 WAIALUA St. Michael School

On Sept. 29, our school celebrated with St. Michael Parish, 160 years in Waialua. We had an amazing celebration with all who came out. The day started with Mass, led by the students. The choir serenaded parishioners with their beautiful voices. The Hawaiian plate lunches were ono! Among all the entertainment, our students performed for the spectators as we celebrated who St. Michael is to us. It was a wonderful day as church and school came together for St. Michael! Some of the students joined Kalena's Polynesian as they entertained for the crowd! (Reported by Gisele Bisch and Jennifer Holmberg)

27 KAIMUKI St. Patrick School

EDITOR'S

CHOICE

We welcomed five sisters from the **General Council of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts** from Rome on Sept. 25. They celebrated Mass with the students and enjoyed performances by some of the classes. They then went on a tour of the school, visiting several classrooms and saying hi to the students. (*Reported by Rachel Alencastre*)

28 MANOA Saint Francis School

Our Hall of Fame Gala IV, Sept. 14 at the Pacific Beach Hotel, honored six extraordinary individuals: Peter P.J. Ng, Sister Francis Regis Hadano, Justice James Duffy Jr., Leighanne Medeiros, Ralph S. and Lance M. Inouye. Al Waterson and Angeli Callo provided entertainment. Gala proceeds benefit our **tuition** assistance program. Pictured are Peter Ng, Sister Francis Regis, Justice Duffy, Sister Joan of Arc, Leighanne Medeiros, Ralph Inouye and Cid Inouye who accepted the award for his father, Lance M. Inouye. (Reported by Joyce Won)

29 HILO

St. Joseph School On Sept. 21, eight junior-senior high school students and six elementary school students and their parents, as well as two faculty members, took part in the "Get the Drift and Bag It International Coastal Clean-up Day" coordinated by the County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation Aquatics Section. At Onekahakaha Beach Park, the group collected, recorded and bagged 43 pounds of trash including over 600 cigarette butts and over 350 shards of broken glass and numerous food wrappers and containers. This annual activity makes the shorelines safer for humans and wildlife and helps makes the public aware of how careless throwaways can impact their community. (Reported by LeRoy Andrews)

Parish

To keep our keiki involved in the celebration of the Mass, our parish started the Breaking Open of the Sunday Readings Program. Every Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, our keiki are dismissed with a blessing before the first reading. They go to the parish hall with a volunteer "keiki" catechist to "break open" the readings. Our catechists explain each reading on a level the keiki can understand. They return to Mass for the Eucharistic prayer. The participation of the keiki increases every time they attend this wonderful program. More entire families participate knowing their keiki will receive additional instruction on the Word of Our Lord and that the keiki

23 KAILUA St. John Vianney School

An Oct. 27 open house of the school's newly remodeled facilities in the John Read Center, 8 a.m.-noon, will include tours by students and a continental breakfast. Invited are school and parish families, representatives from the Diocese of Honolulu, and those who contributed to the remodeling. The renovations allowed an expansion of the early learning program to accept **3-year-olds**. To register for the program for 3-year-olds when the second quarter begins Oct. 14, contact the school office, 261-4651, or go to the website at sjvkailua.org. "We thank the Atherton Foundation for

24 HONOLULU Saint Louis School Principal Pat Hamamoto

receive recognition for exceptional academic performance. Although they will not compete for the 2014 National Merit Scholarship awards, they placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Son of Daryl, '76, and Janet Okamura of Ewa, Dayne is the third generation of his family to attend Saint Louis. He is also a Clarence T.C. Ching full-tuition scholarship awardee. He plans to major in nuclear engineering and has applied for several colleges including the University of California-Berkley and Washington University in St. Louis. He is editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, National

25 MAKAWAO St. Joseph Early Learning Center

The staff and administration enjoyed a day of reflection and fellowship at their annual staff retreat and Mass. The staff was hospitably welcomed by Father Rufino Jose O. **Gepiga** at the neighboring parish of St. Rita in Haiku. As an "ice breaker," the staff shared a picture and their faith journey from when they were preschool age to present. This was followed by reflection time, prayer and bonding. After the workshop Father Leonard Ssempijja offered an insightful presentation and closed with a eucharistic celebration in the