

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 WAIALUA

St. Michael School

Our school celebrated its **annual gala** on May 5, with a festive Cinco de Mayo theme. This year's celebration honored former school principal and long-time community leader, **Sister William Marie Eleniki, OSF**, with more than 400 attendees at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Guests were treated to entertainment provided by local Hawaiian band **Ke'olu** and an incredible performance by the **St. Michael School students** who featured a collection of Mexican dance and music. Along with the St. Michael School community, members of the **Sisters of St. Francis**, the **St. Francis Healthcare System**, various Hawaii Catholic School leaders, and priests, deacons and religious of the diocese also joined in the event. *(Reported by Kainoa Fukumoto)*



2 ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney School

Our school joyfully celebrated **May Day** on May 5 with Hawaiian song and dance. The event took place in the beautifully decorated parish hall, as each class performed their unique hula. The **Royal Court** was absolutely stunning. We thank our kumu hula **Jack McKeague**, our faculty, staff and volunteers who spent many hours instructing each class and preparing for this special day. Mahalo to everyone who donated plants and flowers to decorate the parish hall. It was a wonderful and joyful celebration. ... May is the month in which **Mary, the mother of Jesus**, is honored. On May 8, our students brought flowers from home to attend a prayer service at 8 a.m. in the church where they crowned her statue with flowers. It was a beautiful service attended by the **preschoolers through eighth graders**. ... We are holding the **graduation ceremony** of our **eighth-grade students** on May 26. **Father Vincent** will celebrate Mass



in the church at 10 a.m. Immediately following will be the presentation of diplomas and recognition of student achievements. The students have accomplished much in academics and have achieved personal and spiritual growth. We congratulate these remarkable graduates and wish them much success as they continue their education in high school. ... Last, but not least, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** for holding a very successful **fish fry** during Lent! They presented our school with \$5,069.00, which will be used exclusively for financial aid to support our families. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*

3 WAIALAE-KAHALA

Mary, Star of the Sea School

Traditionally, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of May, to our Lady, **Mary, Star of the Sea**; and in Hawaii, the first of the month, of course, also brings perhaps the most colorful day of the year: **Lei Day**. Mary, Star of the Sea School welcomed families, friends and special guests to its campus to enjoy a production based on past and future: "**I ka wa ma mua, i ka wa ma hope**" — "We look to the past as a guide for the future." During this performance students and teachers shared their gifts and talents through song and dance under the talented guidance of our teachers, **Mrs. Deeann Nishibun**, **Mrs. Lacey Vasquez** (middle school), **Mrs. Mahina Yap** (hula), **Mrs. Stacey Taylor** and **Mr. Lyman Lacro** (IT production.) *(Reported by Lorena Vogeler)*

4 MILILANI

St. John Catholic Preschool

Our students celebrated **May Day** on May 5 with hula, mele, and a wonderful luau with families, students and staff. It was a big success, and the food was delicious. *(Reported by Deb Zedalis)*

Prayer requests
The diocesan hermitage on Hawaii island welcomes requests for prayers. Please address them to:
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