

# THE SCHOOL NEWS

**1 KAILUA**

**St. John Vianney School**

We began classes for this school year on Wednesday, July 24. Our first week was filled with children's voices, laughter and excitement. We greeted our returning students and extending a warm aloha to our new students, families and teachers! We have several **new teachers** who are amazing and will enrich our school with their experience and dedication to our children. **A Catholic education is unlike any other learning experience.** We focus on educating the whole child, mind, body, and most importantly spirit. We do this through a challenging curriculum focusing on math, science and technology, along with the support of their parents and in a nurturing environment. We tell children every day that God loves them, that Jesus walks with them in all things, that the Spirit is with them always, and that God has a unique plan for each of them. Our wonderful students enjoyed serving breakfast to our parishioners after all Masses on Sunday, Aug. 4, the **feast day of St. John Vianney**. It was truly a joy for them and we appreciate their service. Our goal is to provide students with on-going formation in their faith, to develop each one's God-given gifts, and to prepare them for success in higher education. We are looking forward to this school year being one filled with joy and many accomplishments! *(Reported by Earl Walker)*



*Bernie Camuso)*

**5 HONOLULU**

**Saint Louis School**

At the beginning of August, students in grades K-12 returned to the slopes of Kalae-pohaku in Honolulu for the 2024-2025 school year. On Aug. 22, **students, faculty and staff** gathered on campus at the Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Center for the first Mass of the school year, celebrating the **Queenship of Mary**. Student representatives from **LIFE team, music ministry** as well as **altar servers** joined in the liturgy with guest presider **Sacred Hearts Father Lane Akiona** of St. Augustine Church in Waikiki. Attendees sang some favorite songs including "Malo Malo, Thanks Be to God." Father Akiona shared a message about Mary and her example to the world. He said, even today, Mary continues to appear to remind us of our call to follow her son Jesus, adding that each and every one of us has a particular call by God, to do his will. Pictured are Father Akiona and altar server, member of the LIFE Team, and high school senior **Landon Dimaya**. *(Reported by Ariana Smith)*

**EDITOR'S CHOICE**

**2 KAPAA**

**St. Catherine Youth Ministry**

On Sept. 2, the **parish religious education and youth ministry** hosted a **Hospitality Sunday** as part of their class at Coyle Hall. Hospitality is the essence of serving God and one another. It allows the joy of being together and partaking in the gifts that everyone shares from the heart to nourish the spirit. Besides food, the joy of hospitality brings happiness and creates the feeling of

an extended family, meeting new friends and greeting well-wishers. The youth were tasked to model and witness being welcoming, friendly, generous, receptive, and being gracious hosts. They took the opportunity to create a welcoming space and mingled with parishioners and visitors. They also learned that hospitality is the perfect environment for allowing God to cultivate a welcoming and loving heart toward others. The experience was well received and enjoyed by all. May the Lord help us to make our home/church a happy place for our community, our guests and visitors in Jesus' name. We ask God to be hospitable always. *(Reported by*

*Sister Rachel Marius, MSMHC)*

**3 HONOLULU**

**Holy Family Catholic Academy**

We want to congratulate our principal, **Ms. Celeste Akiu**, who recently completed her **doctorate of education degree**. Ms. Akiu defended her dissertation after the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Aug. 15 and officially earned the title of Dr. Akiu. We are blessed to show our students that pursuing higher education is attainable and something to be proud of. Mahalo to Dr. Akiu's family and friends for joining us on campus on Aug. 30 to celebrate with our students and staff! *(Reported by Julia Hudson)*

**4 KAILUA**

**St. Anthony School**

The school year is off to a fantastic start, with students embracing every moment of sunshine and fresh air during lunch breaks. The grade-level lanai picnic tables have quickly become a favorite gathering spot, where students enjoy their meals in a relaxed, shaded outdoor setting. The atmosphere buzzes with energy daily as friends chat, share stories, and unwind in the beautiful open-air environment. With students and staff settling into the new year, the positive energy and excitement on campus are clear. Everyone is eager to continue building on this momentum! *(Reported by*

**6 MAKAWAO**

**St. Joseph Early Learning Center**

The ELC hosted a **Family Craft Night**, Friday, Aug. 30. It was a time for fellowship as it kicked off the school's "I Am Special" Unit, where each child during the month of September has a "I am Special" day to share with the class about themselves and build a bridge between home and school. Families were asked to bring a craft item to share. Using pom poms, colored tape, yarn, etc., they created an individual paper person depicting the student. Pictured is the family of **Sky Eusebio** from the **Butterfly Class** working together to create their daughter's "I Am Special" doll. We look forward to a blessed year and am thankful to all the families that participated. *(Reported by Helen Souza)*

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