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# ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE: DEDICATED STEWARDS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

*By LINDA MORGAN*

At St. Anthony, we strive to live stewardship by sharing our time, talent and treasure. This month, we would like to give thanks to a committed group of St. Anthony stewards who have been hard at work these past two years – the Parish Education Committee, now fondly known as PEC.

In a collaborative effort towards the ongoing success and sustainability for St. Anthony Schools and Parish, Fr. Bunda and Hilton Unemori convened the Parish Education Committee in 2014 with representation from Parish, Pre-School, Grade School and High School. PEC met throughout 2015, and continues into fall of 2016 planning and executing on goals. Once the newly constituted St. Anthony School Board is convened, PEC will be completed. PEC recognized and endorsed St. Anthony's unique value to our entire Maui community and is working hard on getting additional resources to allow families greater access to St. Anthony. Therefore, their primary objective has been to assess and recommend a plan to ensure the sustainability and the thriving of St. Anthony School so that they may continue to positively contribute to the growth of



*(Standing, from left) Tehani Shimabuku, Jeannie Skog, Linda Morgan, Fr. Roland Bunda, Bishop Larry Silva, Cathy Kim, Gary Passon, Betsey Gunderson, Winona Martinez; (kneeling) Hilton Unemori*

Catholic education on Maui.

The PEC has embraced this important opportunity in a thoughtful, organized and inclusive process with St. Anthony stakeholders. After information gathering and assessment, their plan is to establish a unified one-school model in a

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phased approach to launch school year 2016-17. The benefits of a unified model are impressive and include:

- Strengthening Catholic identity
- Revitalizing awareness of the value of Catholic education on Maui
- Building a refreshed, sustainable and more competitive school model
- Increasing opportunities for academic, financial and spiritual impact
- Enhancing the platform for St. Anthony's revered history and faithful stewardship to inspire the Maui community.

In collaboration with the High School, High School Board, Grade School, Grade School Board and the PreSchool, PEC's planning initiatives to complete the unification address Governance, Finance, Master Planning, Branding & Marketing, Curriculum and Structure. Generous donors have actively helped the substantial work to date. Beginning with a refreshed Mission, Vision and Values platform, PEC updated the Board structures, which will move to one Board governance model for the school year 2017-18. Financial Management is being studied and systems improved for efficiencies within a shadow budget-planning tool. Fundraising and Capital Campaign discussions are on the agenda for fall. Chris Hart & Partners were hired to complete a Needs Assessment and Master Plan draft for school and parish. SMS Research was engaged to complete a market study. The SMS results directed a Collaborative Market Plan, a brand refresh and new unified school website at [www.sasmaui.org](http://www.sasmaui.org).

The Cafeteria project called for a renewed food service model, which is being introduced now. The Curriculum and Program have been actively enhanced, and this will continue in an ongoing process to offer 21st century scholas-

tic excellence supported by a healthy and safe environment of Christian Catholic values. The outstanding Faculty are also set for professional development this year to continue to guide our students.

An exciting and highly visible demonstration of PEC's effort towards unification is the newly opened Middle School. The Middle School is a significant opportunity to demonstrate new vision, reengage the community and, most importantly, support the whole child at this critical time of their development. The overarching concept was developed using the "Tribes" philosophy of a collaborative and caring environment of exploration and discovery. Again, generous donors helped the transformational refurbishment of Maryknoll Hall with new painting, flooring, bright colors, furniture, AC, and enhanced technology.

Also supported by the multiple grants and donations from the community, a state-of-the-art CAM Lab is underway. This unique Maui offering will allow students to continue developing skills learned in Middle School and explore the exciting world of film and production. The Library is also being upgraded into a Flex Learning Center to house the CAM Lab and to allow for a variety of updated spaces for students, teachers and community for meetings, presentations, computer work, robotic demonstrations, online classes and more.

Thank you Fr. Bunda, Hilton and PEC for your guidance, parish support, hard work, and leadership for St. Anthony. We know this next journey has just begun and it is an incredibly forward-thinking time. Much more is coming and there will be many ways for all to share time, talent and treasure in the upcoming months and year. Join us and together we will continue to find Strength in Unity. IT'S A NEW DAY AT ST. ANTHONY!!!



## A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

### *Pray, Smile, and Make the World a Better Place*

Dear Parishioners,

**B**lessings to your hearts. We often in the Church speak of “new beginnings.” Those two words can have almost endless meanings to us and how we live our lives. Now that the fall season is in full swing, even though we tend to think more of spring as being a “new beginning,” now is equally so. Think of all the things in our lives and those of our families that have begun or began again in the past several weeks.

Here at St. Anthony Church and Schools, we are venturing toward the future with a bold vision, which encompasses a Master Plan and unification of our schools on campus. We are endeavoring to continue to engage our St. Anthony community to deepen our mission of evangelization. As we revitalize our awareness of the value of stewardship and Catholic education as a vital part of our mission, let us collaborate together to strengthen our Catholic identity and mission.

Two thoughts come to me as I ponder the significance of this time of year. It seems that there is never a time of year when starting over and renewing are not appropriate. We speak often of prayer – Jesus certainly provides for us both an

example and encouragement to have rich prayer lives. Now would be a great time for personal spiritual renewal, both for us individually and for our families.

There are prayer groups and Bible studies beginning and ongoing at our parish. You might consider getting involved in one. No matter what you choose to do, it is always a good time to extend and formalize your prayer life. Schedule more time for personal prayer. Even better, if you have a family, try to formalize the prayer lives of your family as a group. That can enrich your life so much, and often it is something that stays with your children forever.

My second thought goes back to the theme often stated by Jesus to “love one another.” Were you aware that studies done by healthcare groups have shown that people who try to be kind to others have less pain, less depression, and less stress in their lives? That is exactly what the Lord tells us will happen if we do even small things to demonstrate our love for one another.

That can begin with something as simple as a smile. Smiles certainly make others feel better, and they tend to help us, as well. Another way to



show kindness is to get involved in ministries and activities. By committing ourselves to ministry and to being volunteers in a variety of ways, we are actually making the idea of being kind routine and normal. Look for ways you can do things that match and fulfill your talents and interests.

Those two thoughts, although seemingly small, can make a huge difference in our lives, not to mention the lives of those around us. First, pray more on a fixed schedule. Second, smile and be kind. It is amazing how those two aspects of our lives can be fulfilled and fulfilling.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Roland Bunda*

Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.

## THE UPCOMING MARIANIST JUB



*A gathering of lay Marianists*



*The Marianists are a presence throughout the world*



*Sisters, fathers, brothers, and lay members*

According to Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M., who has an excellent understanding of the history of both his religious community and our St. Anthony Catholic Community, the coming year is significant in so many ways that it is difficult to really grasp them.

“The next year is so important to our parish and to the Marianists, and we hope to celebrate and thank God appropriately,” he says. “But in many ways, the plans are still not developed.”

It all begins with the fact that the Marianists, who have been a presence in Hawaii since 1883, and in this particular parish since 1976, will celebrate their 200th anniversary within the next year. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade founded the Society of Mary – the Marianists – in France on Oct. 2, 1817. Today, this community ministers in more than 30 countries across the globe. The U.S. Province includes some 300 brothers and priests, from Hawaii to Puerto Rico, from Philadelphia to Los Angeles. The Marianists sponsor the University of Dayton (Ohio), St. Mary University (San Antonio, Texas), and our own Chaminade University (Honolulu, HI). In addition, they have 18 affiliated high schools and four retreat centers.

For a complete history, merely talk to Fr. Roland Bunda or Bro. Fred Silbereis, whom it has been our pleasure to have as leaders in our parish for almost 10 years.

“The unique thing about our Marianists is that our founder, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, first established a community of lay followers, then the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (F.M.I.), and finally the religious institute of priests and religious brothers,” Fr. Roland says. “This is almost the opposite of many religious communities, which usually began with a community of ordained men.”

“The Marianist congregation has been the major focus of my life for many years,” Bro. Fred adds. “I made my three traditional vows in 1961, so this year has marked my 55th year as a Marianist.”

As Father has indicated, the plans for the various celebrations are still in the planning stages, but it is anticipated it will begin one year before the actual anniversary – which means we will do something in October 2016. Father pointed out that this year and next year are filled with significant anniversaries.

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## ILEE AND MORE AT ST. ANTHONY

here in Maui in 1846, a mere 170 years ago. That is worthy of celebrating. Our school began in 1848, so they, too, are approaching their 170th anniversary. St. Damien of Molokai's community of the Sacred Heart Fathers arrived here on the islands in 1827, so they will celebrate that fact next year on their 190th anniversary. St. Damien himself arrived in 1864. St. Damien is not only just associated with Hawaii so closely, but also with our parish. St. Damien was here at the dedication of the parish in 1873."

Fr. Roland made his first vows in 1962, so next year marks his 55th year as a Marianist, as well. He was ordained a Marianist priest in 1978, so he is two years from his 40th anniversary as a priest.

"There are so many religious congregations in the Church,

many dedicated especially to Mary," observed Bro. Fred. "Our founder, Blessed William, gave us some things that are unique. He believed in the Gospel message from our Blessed Mother – 'Do whatever He tells you' – and that has really been our guide throughout our existence, so we do not have a particular favorite ministry. Also, we sometimes confound the people in Rome because we are a mixed composition of ordained and non-ordained men.

We do not distinguish one from the other in terms of privileges. For example, our Superiors do not need to be priests."

Father Roland is in the process of selecting a committee to oversee the many celebrations that will be occurring in the coming year. In the meantime, we encourage all to keep a watchful eye to what is planned.



*Blessed William Joseph Chaminade,  
founder of the Marianists*

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*– Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.*

*If you would like more information about the Society of Mary, please contact Fr. Roland Bunda or Br. Fred Silbereis at the parish office, 808-244-4148.*

## GOOD STEWARDSHIP *of Our Social Media*

When we are talking about the idea of stewardship and how we care for the tools and gifts we have been given, it is not often that we stop to have a conversation about how we are caring for and using the gift of social media to positively spread Gospel values. However, this is an appropriate topic for us to consider when we are talking about the many young people, as well as adults, who gather online on a frequent basis. Therefore, it is important for us to think about how we are using the amazing gifts of technology.

If you are frequently online – especially on Pinterest – there is a popular acronym that you may have already come across. While it is used in many different contexts, it seems very appropriate to follow as we find ourselves posting statuses and pictures on various social media sites. The acronym is T.H.I.N.K., and it invites us to consider what we are saying and sharing, and whether or not it should be said!

Is what we are posting:

**True?** Are we sharing factual information or a rumor that we heard, and if we think our information is factual, what is our source? Is it trustworthy?

**Helpful?** Is the information we are sharing something that can be useful to another person? We don't need to over-examine all of our content to consider its "educational factor," but is the content we are posting going to help someone learn about us, learn about a

place or an activity, think about the world, reflect on life, engage us in laughter, and so forth?

**Inspirational?** There is certainly no requirement to be a poet or an artist, but social media has become a wonderful outlet for positive self-expression. "Positive" is the key word – are we posting to inspire others about the good in our world, or are we posting to cut someone down or to simply rant?

**Nice?** Have we considered the feelings of others when we include them in a status or post a picture of them? Will they be embarrassed? Are we using social media to humiliate and intimidate others, or are we using it to try to better the world and the lives of others?

**Kind?** What a great tool to compliment, show gratitude, and build the self-esteem of those you care about!

People often speak of social media in a negative way because of the content they see posted. T.H.I.N.K. is a great way for us to remind ourselves that we can be good stewards of our own social media use. Remember that there are many ways to share the Gospel without writing out its words. Gospel living has to do with the positive way we approach this life and bring God's light and love to others – and it couldn't be easier than sharing an uplifting status on Facebook, a Tweet of gratitude to a friend, or a beautiful image of God's inspiring creation on Instagram. What a great way to build the Kingdom of God!





## A PRODUCT OF GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE: *Rex Ornellas*

Over the years, we've grown accustomed to connecting stewardship of time with service given to God and his Church. And while such service is a big part of that "time" component, it is just as important that we give time to our relationship with God; time witnessing the Gospel in quiet humility; time simply being in His presence.

Having celebrated his 100th birthday this past July, parishioner Alvin "Rex" Ornellas has given a great deal of time to our faith community since he first joined in 1946. Born the oldest of 10 children, Rex was blessed by his devout mother who faithfully educated her children in the faith and ensured they were all at Mass each Sunday.

Yet, despite Rex's upbringing, like so many young men he fell away from the faith as he entered adulthood. Graduating at the young age of 15, Rex entered the work force. There, he soon found himself surrounded by worldly temptations.

"I worked with much older men," says Rex. "They drank a lot, and so I drank a lot too. I became an alcoholic, and so I didn't go to church very much anymore."

Rex's wild lifestyle grew progressively worse as he bounced from job to job. Only upon meeting his wife, Georgina, did things begin to change. Under her influence, he began settling down, abandoning old friends and habits, and returning once more to church.

"If it wasn't more my wife and if it wasn't for my Lord looking out for me, I would have died long ago," Rex says. "I thank God and I thank my wife for putting me on the straight and narrow path."

Even still, the early years of the Ornellas' married life were tumultuous, taking place during World War II. When the couple was first married, Rex was already enlisted in the Army and had to obtain special leave to come home. For the next five years, they were hardly able to see one another. Rex was busy fighting in the South Pacific, while Georgina was at home praying for her husband's safety and raising their young children. With the

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war's conclusion, says Rex, he was finally able to truly enter into married life, beginning a new chapter in his life.

"When I settled down after the war, I came home and found a good job to support my family," Rex says. "I bought a house thanks to my wife who had saved all of our money and we got settled. I quit drinking and became a good Catholic."

As a husband and father of five children, life was busy for Rex throughout much of his life, restricting his involvement in the faith community. With characteristic humility, he describes himself as "nothing special" and an "ordinary Catholic." Yet, no matter how busy life got or how tight he was financially, Rex faithfully attended church each Sunday contributing "as much as [he] could" each week.

Having now lived a full century, Rex has seen many friends and family pass on to the next life, including his beloved wife. And even though his health

is not always the best, he continues to be faithfully involved in parish life, giving generously and attending Mass as frequently as he can. Though Rex would describe this time given as small and ordinary, in his quiet and steadfast way he inspires us.

"Many times, we think of the gift of time exclusively as giving through ministry," says our pastor, Fr. Roland Bunda. "But Rex has given of his time for many, many years through the example of his participation at Mass. His faith radiates as a sign of what it means to be Catholic."

In a very real way, Rex reminds us that the spiritual life isn't restricted to a certain period or point in a person's life. It is an ongoing process, becoming a bit holier day by day as we allow God to transform us into living witnesses.

"I thank God for watching over me," Rex says. "Without Him, I wouldn't be where I am today. Thanks to God and my wife, I have changed for the better."

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

CHURCH CENTER :: **Saturday** 5:00 p.m. | **Sunday** 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

SAINT DAMIEN CHAPEL :: **Monday - Friday** 6:30 a.m. | **Saturday** 7:00 a.m.