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ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL UNITY GALA

Truly Making a Difference for All Students!

You won't want to miss our St. Anthony School Strength in Unity Gala, set for Oct. 28, because you'll have the unique opportunity of making a difference for all our students in grades K-12!

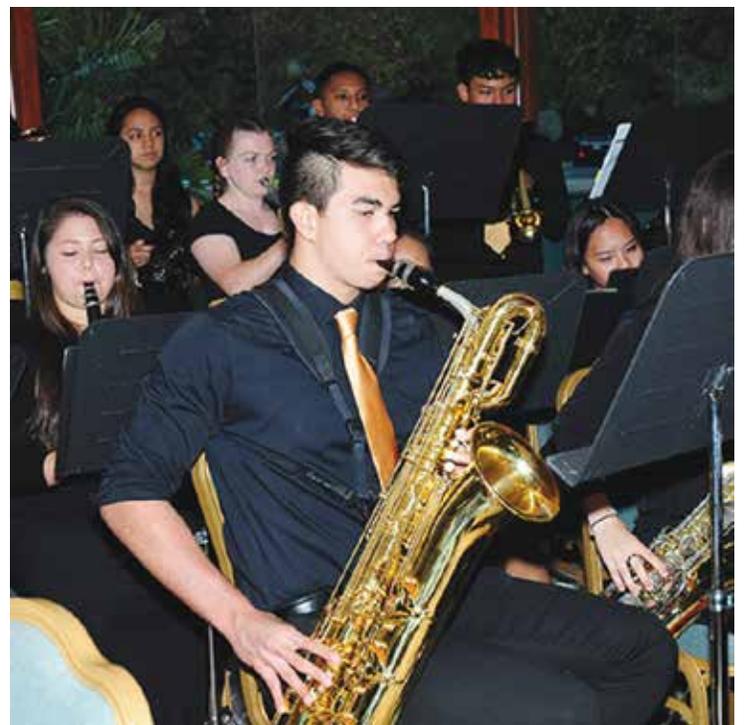
And now that our students are all on one campus, the Gala proceeds will be available for tuition assistance for all.

Be sure to make your plans now to attend the Gala from 5-9 p.m. at the Kamehameha Golf Clubhouse. You'll hear the St. Anthony Golden Royals Jazz Orchestra perform, and while you're enjoying dinner, Nevah Too Late will entertain.

"As a participant and a donor, you'll be making a difference in Catholic education on Maui," says Claudine San Nicolas, Director of Admissions. "For families seeking a Catholic education, you'll be giving a helping hand with the cost of getting a Catholic education for their child. It's also an opportunity for our St. Anthony alumni to join the Maui community in supporting their alma mater."

Claudine reminds us that our students come from all over the island.

As for current needs for the Gala, table sponsorships are available, and donations for the silent and live auctions are welcome.



"Our table sponsors include alumni, priests and local businesses," Claudine says. "And there is an opportunity for the general community and alumni to make cash donations."

Not only will the Gala offer fellowship and music

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ANSWERING THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

God calls us to give Him everything – our whole heart, our whole soul, and our whole mind. This is the challenge of discipleship – a lifelong process of more fully placing our lives under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

The reason that God can ask such complete service from us is that He made us. Everything we have belongs to Him! This includes our intelligence, our physical ability, our artistic talent, our family, our finances, our government – anything we may typically think of as “ours.”

It takes courage to recognize that we are not the masters of our possessions and ourselves. Furthermore, as Christians, we believe that because everything we have is a gift from God, we are called to give Him thanks. We express our thanks by using our gifts to further His kingdom on earth. This is the basis for our understanding of stewardship.

We refer to “time,” “talent,” and “treasure” in order to differentiate between the various parts of our life that belong to God. “Time” is the duration of life that God has given us. “Talent” includes the special gifts or strengths God has nurtured in us. “Treasure” is what we have earned through our time and talent.

Even though we identify these three aspects of stewardship, they are still part of the same Gospel-based concept. And even when we focus

separately on these parts, it should not signal that one is more important than the other. Instead, focusing on each aspect one at a time helps us to better concentrate on that area in our lives.

Stewardship is, after all, an attitude. If our goal is to become better stewards, we must have a reason in our minds to do so. Here are the basics of a stewardship attitude:

“God made everything!”

A wholehearted trust that God made all things is essential to understanding stewardship. Recognizing God as the Creator is one of the most basic, profound beliefs of Christianity.

“I am truly blessed!”

It takes humility in order to truly acknowledge God’s goodness. Every great triumph and every little pleasure is a blessing from above, and every strong character trait we possess is a gift from God.

“I believe I am to use God’s gifts for His glory!”

What better way to thank God for His goodness than by using our personal gifts to glorify Him? We are not the owners of our time, talent or treasure. But we are caretakers given the responsibility of spreading God’s kingdom on earth.



*A Letter From Our Pastor***“HERE I AM, LORD.” BUT ARE YOU REALLY THERE?
ARE YOU RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL?**

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the Bible we hear people say, “Here I am, Lord,” or something similar. Normally, it is a response to a communication, a call, from God. In the Old Testament Book of Exodus, for example, it states, “God called out to him from the bush: ‘Moses! Moses!’ He answered, ‘Here I am’” (Exodus 3:4). We often speak in the Church about the fact that we have each received a calling from God. We also regularly say that one way to respond to that call is to live a life of stewardship.

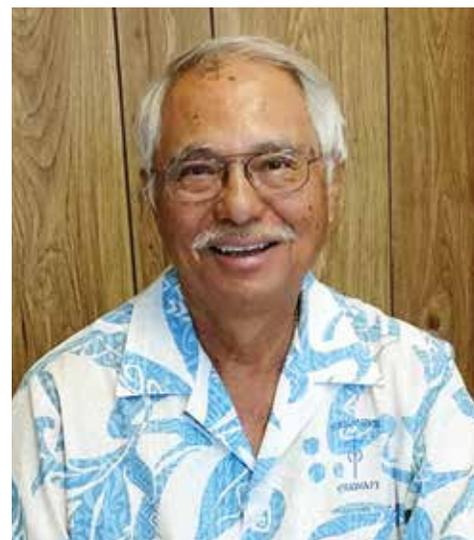
Of course, the truth is that many do not hear God’s call because they are either not listening or they do not want to hear it. Of course, that is not how we should feel. I could write about my own call, but right now, I would rather address your call.

This is a time of year when there are calls from those in need all around us. Some of those calling are ministries right here in our parish. Before I address our response, it is important to emphasize that we need to hear

the call. To hear something, we have to be listening.

The second issue is our response to the call. Do we indeed say, “Here I am”? Or, do we choose to say and do nothing? Stewardship is a call to action, a call to do something to share with and to help others. In the Old Testament passage cited above, Moses responds, “Who am I?” (Exodus 3:11) – meaning he feels unworthy and unable to fulfill this call from the Lord. God’s answer is everything, as He says to Moses simply, “I will be with you” (Exodus 3:12). Thus, we receive the call; we are to respond to God making it clear that we are ready. We may quite likely feel (as Moses did) that we are unprepared for what God may be asking us to do, but His response to Moses was the same as His response to us – “I will be with you.”

That is enough to empower us and strengthen us to try to serve God and fulfill His desires for us. Of course, there is one other call



to which we need to respond. It is, as Christ said many times, “Come follow Me.”

As we enter this part of our personal year, this part of our calendar year, and this part of our Church year, may we be ready to listen, to respond, and then to do – full with the knowledge that the Lord is with us always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.

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– Ms. Rana Boone, Principal



Rana Boone with her husband Terry, daughter Kalena (currently attending college in New York) and daughter Kahaili (“Gigi”).

St. Anthony School is thrilled to welcome back one of our very own alumni, Rana Boone, as the new principal this year! Ms. Boone graduated from St. Anthony in 1994 and has over 18 years of experience in the field of education, across diverse school systems in four states. Ms. Boone is excited to join us at the helm of our parish school and hopes to use her vast experiences in education to ensure that St. Anthony remains a wonderful place to grow and learn!

“When my friend announced on our Facebook alumni page that I was going to be principal, there was an overwhelming positive response of alumni saying they were so happy for ‘our’ school — they kept saying ‘our’ school,” she says. “So, I know I’m not alone. My love for this school and gratitude for all it gave me is multiplied. The whole community is supportive of what we’re doing and will do. That’s the most exciting thing!”

Following her own graduation from St. Anthony School, Ms. Boone first attended University of Hawaii-Manoa before moving to the mainland to finish college. She received an undergraduate degree in political science and went to work immediately for Teach For America (TFA), a nonprofit organization that trains some of the nation’s most promising college graduates to serve as teachers and leaders in struggling school systems. Ms. Boone first taught with TFA in poverty-stricken East Palo Alto, California, before being sent to Houston, Texas, where she taught for eight years before returning to Hawaii as a program director for TFA teachers during the organization’s inaugural years in our state. During her time in Houston, Rana attended University of St. Thomas to pursue both her teacher certification and Masters of Education Administration.

Returning to Houston, Ms. Boone served as a program director for TFA teachers in the KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) charter schools, and then as an instructional coach at the KIPP schools. She was soon recruited by the Houston Independent School District, and became Dean of Instruction for a struggling high school. The school had such a successful turn-around that it was featured in a PBS *Frontline* special. From there, Ms. Boone headed to New York City to become a consultant for a nonprofit organization focused on teacher leadership, and to learn about the newest teaching methods being used in the

BOONE RETURNS AS OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

“education transformation” movement.

Just over a year ago, Ms. Boone returned to Hawaii to be closer to family – she is one of nine siblings – and began teaching for the local school system. At an alumni event for St. Anthony, she learned that the principal position was opening up.

“For years, I had thought about how I could give back to my school,” Ms. Boone recalls. “My wonderful husband, Terry, also encouraged me to apply, telling me, ‘The time is now, the opportunity is now, and this seems like it was meant to be... You need to fulfill what God has planned for you.’ So I decided to put my name in the hat [for principal].”

Although this is Ms. Boone’s first time in the role of principal, the excitement of doing something new comes with the familiarity of returning to the school that she has to thank for her own quality education.

“It’s a change, and yet it’s wonderful to get to take all that I’ve been exposed to and learned and be able to share it with people here,” she says. “It’s great to see the opportunities we have in front of us to start implementing those things. And really, a lot of great things have already been happening. I had a great education here that had me very well prepared. There are teachers here doing amazing things in our classrooms.”

One of the goals Ms. Boone has for her time at St. Anthony is to work toward an increase in enrollment. In the spring, the school will host an open house that will allow people to come see all that St. Anthony has to offer, and students will be using the school’s media lab to create Internet-accessible documentary films about all of the exciting things going on in the school.

Ms. Boone places great priority on providing ongoing professional development for St. Anthony’s teachers, empowering them to learn and practice cutting-edge instructional techniques with their peers.

In addition to the advances in technology – including the school’s new air conditioning! – and the emphasis on strong teaching and academics, Ms. Boone points out the many other benefits to a



Kindergarteners visit the new Principal, Ms. Rana Boone, in her office during the first weeks of school.

Catholic education that she looks forward to nurturing here at St. Anthony.

“Our school feels very safe, which means that children can focus on what is really important – their education,” she says. “And on a broader scale, the character education is built in with a Catholic education. They are getting religion classes every day, and getting that foundation about making choices to be a good human being.”

“Something else special that is happening here is that community service is an ingrained part of the curriculum,” Ms. Boone continues. “The social justice piece is so important. It’s all rooted in the teachings of Jesus: that we are here to love our brothers and sisters, to lift them up and help provide for them in the community.”

In the end, the supportive and loving parish “family” behind St. Anthony School is indeed one of its greatest strengths, and Ms. Boone is thankful to have the community behind her as she takes on this new role! We warmly welcome Ms. Boone back to St. Anthony as our new principal, and look forward to a wonderful year for our school!

JOIN THE RANKS AND HONOR THE DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OCTOBER

All Catholics are summoned to action. However, not all of them respond.

Pope Benedict XVI's homily during the April 2008 Papal Mass, held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, directed all Catholics to respond when they are called to action:

"The Church ... is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life and to promote a culture of life ... this is the message of hope we are called to proclaim and embody in a world where self-centeredness, greed, violence, and cynicism so often seem to choke the fragile growth of grace in people's hearts."

October is Respect Life Month. Respect Life Sunday, as designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is celebrated each year on the first Sunday of October.

And as we face the looming culture of death, we are all summoned to action. An apostolic exhortation by Pope St. John Paul II, titled *Ecclesia in America*, described this culture of death's effects on the "powerless" within American society:

"I am thinking here of unborn children, helpless victims of abortion; the elderly and the incurably ill, subjected at times to euthanasia; and the many other people relegated to the margins of society by consumerism and materialism. Nor can I fail to mention the unnecessary recourse to the death penalty ... Faced with this distressing reality, the Church community intends to commit itself all the more to the defense of the culture of life" (*Ecclesia in America* 63).

Respect Life Month is the perfect time to prayerfully examine our consciences in light of these critical issues, which directly violate the dignity of the human person. This includes not only the evil of abortion, but also euthanasia, stem cell research, capital punishment, and contraception – all of which are vital contributors to the pervasive culture of death.

So we must individually ask ourselves, "Do I, in my personal, day-to-day choices, respect life? If so, do I boldly proclaim this belief or merely stand idle? Do I exercise my right to vote and support candidates

who promote a culture of life? Am I known within my home, family, and/or workplace as someone that respects life?"

As with every movement of a Christian heart towards goodness, it is imperative that our efforts issue forth from a prayerful foundation. The work of the Holy Spirit allows us to receive the zeal necessary to promote the sanctity of human life, even in the face of suffering.

This October, please pray for a revitalization of the culture of life. Every night, as a family, meditate on the prayer from John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. As you pray, allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with apostolic boldness, and ask the Lord to guide your heart towards ways in which you can personally contribute to the culture of life.

The call is clear, the stakes are set, and all Catholics are summoned to action. How will you respond?

Pope St. John Paul II's Prayer for the Revitalization of the Culture of Life

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

— Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

A SEASON FOR CELEBRATION

“Look Back with Thanksgiving and Forward with Hope”

When Fr. Roland Bunda celebrated his 75th birthday this March, Fr. Steve Tutas, the former Superior General of the Society of Mary, wrote him a thought-provoking note.

“It struck me in a particular way as we celebrate the Marianist Bicentennial Jubilee,” Fr. Roland says. “The card said, ‘Be keenly aware of the Holy Spirit in your life. Look back in thanksgiving and forward with hope. Live and celebrate in the present moment in the presence of God.’”

In 2016 and 2017, two religious communities are celebrating the 200th anniversaries of their founding. The Daughters of Mary Immaculate, the Marianist Sisters, were founded by Venerable Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon in 1816, and the Society of Mary, the Marianist brothers and priests, were founded by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade in 1817.

“We are celebrating both these religious communities from May 25, 2016, until Jan. 22, 2018,” Fr. Roland says. “It is a great opportunity for all of us to reflect on our mission and why we were founded.”

Fr. Roland describes Fr. Chaminade’s directing principle as bringing others to Jesus through Mary. One unique facet of the congregation is that the lay communities were founded first, in approximately 1800, and the religious communities followed in 1816 and 1817.

“Fr. Chaminade was a genius for going ‘backwards’ this way,” Fr. Roland says. “He re-Christianized France after the Revolution by establishing lay Marianist groups.”

Here at St. Anthony, we are specially blessed because the bicentennial celebration coincides with the 170th anniversary of our parish, which was founded in 1847, when the first church structure was built.

This year, our parish and school are coming together in a renewed way, as our school becomes a parochial parish school and welcomes a new head of school and principal.

“A new era is beginning for St. Anthony School, and students from kindergarten through 12th grade



Bicentennial logo

will be educated in one place,” Fr. Roland says.

To encourage parish and school unity, on Sept. 9, St. Anthony held a family life retreat that connected families from the parish and school in a one-day retreat.

“The family is the first educator of the children,” Fr. Roland says. “We hope to integrate the parishioners more into the school, for we are one.”

Several events in September and October are bringing parishioners together in celebration. On Sept. 29, parishioners gather at the Maui Beach Hotel Elleair Room for a dinner of appreciation and thanksgiving.

St. Anthony Church and School are also enjoying opportunities to celebrate together. On Oct. 1, Sunday, festivities and a school tour are following the 9 a.m. Mass. Then on Monday, Oct. 2, the whole school gathers for Mass.

As we celebrate the bicentennial jubilee, the founding of our parish and our renewed school, we remember the theme for the bicentennial, which hinges on three powerful action words – “know, love and serve.” Let us discern how we can know, love and serve Christ, Mary and each other during this season of celebration, and as we move forward as a community.

“We are a community of hospitality and of God’s Good News,” Fr. Roland says. “These events help us to appreciate and be grateful of why we are here – to share God’s Word. This is an opportunity to let go of some past wrongs, bring about forgiveness and celebrate the future.”

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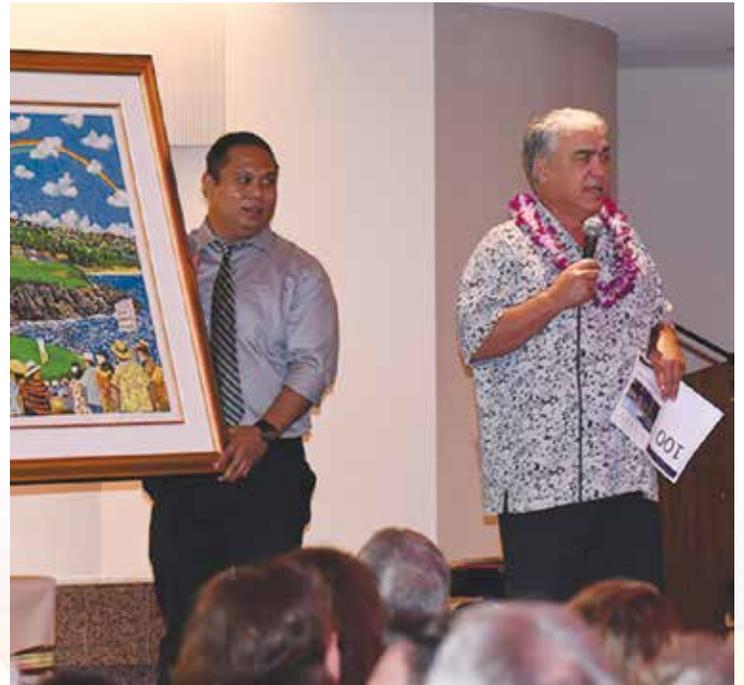
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as it has for at least 20 years, it also is the event at which the Alumni Hall of Fame honorees are feted. Awards will be presented for school service, community service, outstanding athlete, and Distinguished Alumni.

“We also honor the year’s Guardian Angel, which is the only non-alumni award,” Claudine says. “This is someone or a business, or company who has sponsored St. Anthony School and shares our values.”

Volunteers are most welcome to join the families who work to make the Gala possible. Help is appreciated for setting up decorations, breaking down the room, and cleaning up. To volunteer, please call 808-244-4190, Ext. 268.



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.