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Maybelle Helfrich and Ruth Prinzivalli of the Pearson foundation educate our CII youth on the sanctity of life and the mission of the Pearson Foundation last Sunday, January 13th.

Human Life is Sacred...

By Malu Kamanu
Principal of Religious Education

Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right to directly destroy an innocent human being (CCC #2258).

On Sunday, January 13th, the Pearson Foundation privileged our CII class to a presentation on the sanctity of life and the facts about abortion. The teens had the opportunity to learn about the stages of life within the womb, the myths about abortion, and the Church's official teachings on the matter. After the presentation, they were given time to ask any questions they had. A big Mahalo goes out to Ruth Prinzivalli, Maybelle Helfrich, and Cathy Ambrossier of the Pearson Foundation for the time and love they put into their visit to us.

RE & YM Events

OPERATION RICE BOWL 2008



Beginning Ash Wednesday, St. Ann's Church & Model Schools will participate in the Operation Rice Bowl 2008 Campaign. This is a six-week Lenten program of prayer, education, fasting and almsgiving to promote peace and justice for the poor and hungry in the world sponsored by Catholic Relief Services.

Each packet contains a "rice bowl" as a sign and means of making lent a time to think of others and a Family Guide which gives many ideas for family participation. Rice bowls will be distributed to all students in the Early Learning Center, Grade School and RE/YM Programs. Rice bowls will also be available in the Church Vestibule.

Make this Lent a special time where we open our hearts more fully to our Lord and to others!



An Affair of the Heart

*St. Ann's Model Schools
Third Annual Scholarship
Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction
Saturday, February 2, 2008
Koolau Golf Club, Grand Ballroom*

*Entertainment by 'Okena
(Chris Kamaka, Glen Smith & Horace Dudoit)
& The Ebbtides*

*5:30 p.m. - Silent Auction, No Cost Cocktails
6:30pm - Dinner & Dance*

Semi-Formal or Aloha Attire, Complimentary Valet Parking

*Purchase of Dinner Seats are 50% Tax Deductible
Scholarship Fund Donations are 100% Tax Deductible*

For information, call 247-3092, ext. 221

You Grow! Youth Ministry...

Many thanks to Leslie and Lindsey Tolentino who worked very hard to create the Youth Choir. This choir leads the assembly in song at the 11:30 mass on the last Sunday of every month and also took on the task of leading the Children's Christmas Choir this past year. Under their direction, they are building a group of instrumentalists and singers. They encourage junior-high and high school aged musicians to join them for rehearsals on the two Sundays prior to the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 in the Parish Center, 1st floor. We look forward to seeing new and returning members at the next practice today, Sunday, January 20th!

Over the last few months, the Youth Ministered mass has attracted youth lectors, hospitality ministers, tech personnel, and Eucharistic ministers. In the future, we envision a mass that will be staffed primarily by our youth. We also see this as an avenue for our previously confirmed youth to come back and share their talents with our community.

Leslie and Lindsey readily admit that they could not do this alone! They are very thankful for the help of their family, husband and dad, Leo and sons, Landan, and Logan, The Campbell Ohana, Larry, Kris, Josh, Kelsey, and Shelby, JP Tai, Noelani Bonifacio, LeShae Henderson and Pat Pimental and YM Coordinator, Vickie Punua-McGinnis for their help in pulling both of these events together. We are also grateful for the support of Mrs. Kauhane, Mrs. Kamanu, Mrs. Halemano, Mr. Jaderstrom, Aunty Lyl and the talents of Micah Halemano, Adam Canne, Sheralynn Humel and Jared Altenhof.



Lindsey Tolentino (left) & LeShae Henderson practice for the Youth Mass.

Spirit Gallery...

How Can I Serve You?..

By Vickie Punua-McGinnis, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Youth Ministry is back in session and gearing up for a new year of growth, fun and learning. Although, 30 hours of Community Service are required of all Confirmation Candidates, we like to encourage community service as a way to build up the Kingdom of God.

All of our youth are being encouraged to participate in service opportunities, especially around the parish.

We have musical youth who regularly practice and lead the congregation in our 6 pm, 8:45 am and 11:30 am liturgies. Many youth continue to serve as Altar Servers throughout high school. Several of our young people are aides in the Youth Ministry and Religious Education programs. They are greatly

appreciated by the lead teachers and serve as a great role

model for the children they serve. In the summer, youth assist with St. Ann's Summer Programs as aides. Several YM candidates are training to be lectors, tech personnel, and Eucharistic ministers. A *small* number of youth have even helped with Church Cleaning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays (it is rather early in the morning)! Ultimately, community service serves two purposes for our youth: it shows them that their efforts are needed in the Kingdom of God and it provides a necessary service to the community. We thank God for all these willing hands and we pray for more workers to come to the vineyard.



Our youth serve in many capacities on Sundays. From L-R: Kiersten Blecha 8th grader at St. Ann's assists in the RE Office every Sunday, Noe Bonifacio and Lindsey Tolentino serve as Youth Leaders. CII Candidate Stefanie DeBiasi earns service hours assembling Operation Rice Bowl packets for our parish and schools.

From the RE Desk...

By Sylvia Makainai, RE Elementary Coordinator

As we begin in this New Year there are so many "GREAT THINGS HAPPENING"...

...Preschoolers make a mobile, saying that God made birds good

...Keiki in Kinder shared in storytelling, while sitting in a circle "just like Jesus did"

...In the first grade our students heard that when the wise men visited baby Jesus, they brought many gifts

...All children from the second grade and RCIC-II will be visiting the Reconciliation Room in the church, as they anticipate their reception of that sacrament for the first time next month

...The third graders heard the story of St. John the Baptist and said that nothing was recorded about him as a child

...At Fourth the students did a mingle looking for the missing commandment

...Children in the fifth grade classroom study the different parts of the mass

...Our sixth grade teacher encourages the students to compare the Old Testament stories of **Jonah & the Whale** and **Joshua crossing the Jordan**

Every time I hear our catechists speak to the keiki, I witness God's Love...MAHALO NUI!

Dear God, guide our catechists so that they may respond to the invitation to know your Son more fully, so that others, in turn, may recognize the presence of Christ in our lives.

May we all grow more fully in communion with you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.





Pics of the Day! Sunday, January 13th



Above: Deacon Billy Whitfield visits with the Preschoolers as they make their Bird-Mobiles, "God made the birds!"

Below: Jrhi. 8th grade cousins, Keoki Tom-Sheridan & Joshua Tom-Detol perform a skit portraying as witnesses to the Baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan!



Above: Jrhi. 7th graders get together and re-enact the story of Lazarus with students Soukhaina Olivier narrating and Darien Lau as Lazarus (bottom).

Below: RCIC II Teacher, Ms. Lynn Chan checks in on some of her students as they do an activity on the 7 Deadly Sins.



Above: Second Graders, Malina Manni & Ilihiā Hoopi'i enjoy working on a project on the Ten Commandments.

Below: Confirmation I Youth Leaders rally and get ready to teach the lesson of the day to their CI Candidates.



RE & YM Event Calendar for January & February

January 20th

- 1st Reconciliation Parent Session, 10:00am, Church

January 26th

- Baptism Mass, 6pm

January 27th

- CI Parent Session, 10:00am, Library

January 28th

- Catholic Schools Week Begins

January 31st

- Requirement deadline for students preparing for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and/or Confirmation

February 1st

- Eucharistic Adoration, 7am-7pm

February 2nd

- St. Ann's 3rd Annual Scholarship Dinner & Dance "An Affair of the Heart", Koolau Golf Club

February 5th

- Session on "Traditions in the Catholic Church, 7pm, Church

February 6th – Ash Wednesday

- Ash Wednesday Masses at 7am & 7pm
- Operation Rice Bowl Begins

February 8th

- Stations of the Cross, 7pm, Church

February 10th ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

- CII Sponsor Session, 10:00am, Library
- RCIA Rite of Sending, 11:30am Mass

February 15th

- Stations of the Cross, 7pm

February 16th

- 1st Reconciliation Prayer Service, 9am in Church

February 17th ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

- RE/YM Faculty Meeting, 11:30am, Parish Ctr.

February 22nd

- Stations of the Cross, 7pm

February 24th ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

- RE/YM Stations of the Cross, 10am, Church
- CI Parent Session, 10am, Library
- RCIA – 1st Scrutiny, 11:30am Mass

February 29th

- YM Stations of the Cross, 7pm



For any questions on the events listed, please call the Religious Education Office at 247-3092, ext. 225