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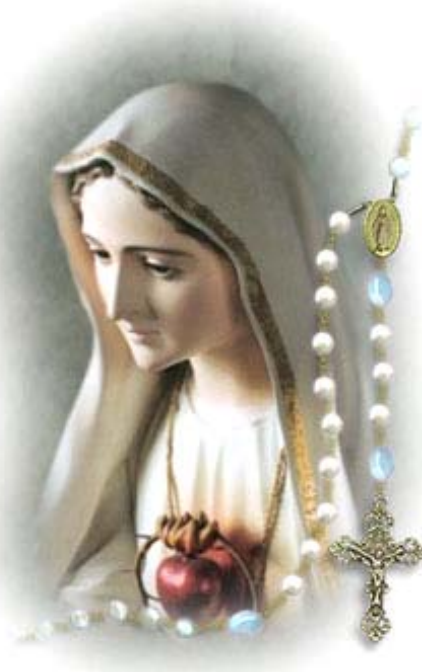
The purpose of St. Ann's Model Schools is to continue the Parish's educational ministry by teaching our children to be a community of Catholics responsibly committed in Word and Action to the proclamation and celebration of the Gospel.



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Hail Mary, Full of Grace

By Robert Noguchi, Principal of Religious Education

The month of October is often devoted to Mary, the mother of Jesus. During this month, we honor Mary in prayers and rituals for the very special role she played in the history of our salvation. This month, the students in our RE/YM program prayed the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary together in the church. October is the *Month of the Rosary*, and a great opportunity to say this centuries-old prayer with our entire family. With many Catholic island families, this prayer has been a tradition going back generations. Often prayed during times of trial, illness, and death, the Rosary has been a source of comfort and peace to so many. It is also a beautiful prayer of healing, peace, and of bonding, bringing families and communities together in faith, hope, and love.

Take the time to pray the Rosary together and talk with your child about our Blessed Mother. Recall Mary's deep faith, her willingness to follow God's will, her commitment to love and care for her Child, and her unfailing fidelity to her Son's mission. Mary knows what our daily lives are like and loves us very much. After all, she is the mother of our Lord, and our mother too!

In the Spirit...

We Pray the Rosary...

By Sylvia Makainai, RE Elementary Coordinator

This past Sunday, our sixth grade led us in prayer. Mrs. Lila Marantz teaches 25 students in the classroom, and along with her aides, Kelly Sheather and Cierra Nascimento, she prepared her students to lead the RE/YM student body in our Rosary Prayer Service. We learned that we can meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary together or alone. The sixth grade showed us how to pray the Rosary and we focused on one decade of the Glorious mysteries ~ THE RESURRECTION.

Much Mahalo to all of our catechists who teach our students to respect and appreciate our worship space by listening intently to the speaker and remaining still and quiet during our prayer service.

After our prayer service was complete we were addressed by our Principal, Mr. Bob Noguchi (aka Uncle Bob), who gave us a brief presentation on the changes in the Roman Missal coming next month. Thank you, Uncle Bob, we can now look forward to participating in Mass more fully.

WE praise you, dear God, for your instruction through your Holy Spirit. May we follow your ways, all our days. Amene.

Need to Register?..



Even though Religious Ed & Youth Ministry classes started on August 28th, registrations are still being taken for our 2011-2012 year. Parents may visit the RE Office Monday thru Thursday from 7:30am-4pm or Sundays from 8am-2pm to register their keiki for our programs. Visit our website at www.saintannshawaii.org for online registration and information about our RE & YM Programs. You may reach our office at 247-3092, ext. 225.

The registration period for our Religious Education & Youth Ministry Programs ends on October 31, 2011.

RE & YM's Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 23rd

- 1st Reconciliation Parent Session, 10am, Church
- RE Safe Environment: Grades 1, 4, R.C.I.C. II
- Baptism Mass, 11:30am

Saturday, October 29th

- YM Service Activity: American Cancer Society's Making Strides Walk, 7am - Noon.

Sunday, October 30th ~ Fellowship Sunday

- RE/YM Open House, 10am
- Daughters of St. Paul Book Sale in Food Court
- RE/YM Fundraiser Ends - all monies due

Tuesday, November 1st - All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 2nd - All Souls Day

- Memorial Mass, 7pm, Church

Thursday, November 3rd

- Teen Scripture Study & Sharing, 7pm, Parish Ctr.

Friday, November 4th

- Eucharistic Adoration, 7am-7pm
- Optional BCC Confirmation Retreat, November 4th - 6th, St. Stephen's Diocesan Center

Sunday, November 6th

- Baptism Prep Session I, 10:00am, Library
- CII Sponsor/Candidate Session, 10am, Church
- RE Safe Environment: Grs. 2, 5 & 6
- Holiday Food Drive Begins

Saturday, November 12th

- YM Service Activity: Paepae O Heeia, 9am-Noon

Sunday, November 13th

- Baptism Prep Session II, 10am, Church

Thursday, November 17th

- Teen Scripture Study & Sharing, 7pm, Parish Ctr.

Sunday, November 20th ~ Christ the King

- RE/YM Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 10:15am, Church

Thursday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Day

- Thanksgiving Mass, 8am

Saturday, November 26th

- Baptism Mass, 6pm

Sunday, November 27th - 1st Sunday of Advent

- No RE/YM Sessions

YM Activities: Fellowship & Service

Here at St. Ann's, our Youth Ministry Program is vibrant and active with 101 junior high and high school students in attendance on Sundays. Our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Mrs. Malu Kamanu schedules monthly activities for our teens which focus on fellowship and service. Take a look at our upcoming activities to see if your teen would like to participate! Permission forms are mailed home and are also available upon request.

- **October 29th - American Cancer Society's 3rd Annual Making Strides Walk at Ford Island**
October Service Activity: Join us as we once again participate in the "Making Strides Walk" at Ford Island for a 5 mile walk to help raise awareness and fight Breast Cancer. We will depart at 7am and return at Noon. A minimum donation to the ACS of \$5 is required to participate.
- **November 12th - Paepae O Heeia Project**
Volunteers will remove invasive limu from Heeia Fishpond here in Kaneohe.
- **December 3rd - Kaneohe Christmas Parade & St. Ann's Annual Christmas Festival**
Teens can choose to be a part of our YM Marching Unit in the Annual Parade or sign up to work a shift at our Christmas Festival YM "Keikiland". *For our Keikiland, we are seeking donations of little prizes, goodies for our game booths. Donations may be dropped off at our RE Office.*

Fundraiser Update & Reminder!

Each school year, we reach out to our RE/YM families to ask their kokua in supporting our RE & YM Programs. For the 2011-2012 year, each child enrolled in our program is asked to sell 8 **Zippy's Benefit Fundraiser** tickets. On October 2nd we distributed our tickets to our families and began our fundraiser drive! All participating students (selling tickets or monetary donation) will be eligible to win prizes in our fundraiser prize program. Prizes include a Wii System with the Mario Kart Wii Game and Wii Wheel Accesory, Windward Mall Adventure Pack, Cash Prize for the top three sellers. Minimum ticket sales are required for the top two prizes being offered. All students who sell their tickets or have made a donation in lieu of selling tickets are eligible to win one of 5 drawing prizes as well. The top selling class will receive an Ice Cream Party! If you would like to receive Zippy's Tickets, just give us a call in our RE Office, we have plenty on hand! All monies are due on October 30th. Our prize winners will be announced after class on Sunday, November 13th.

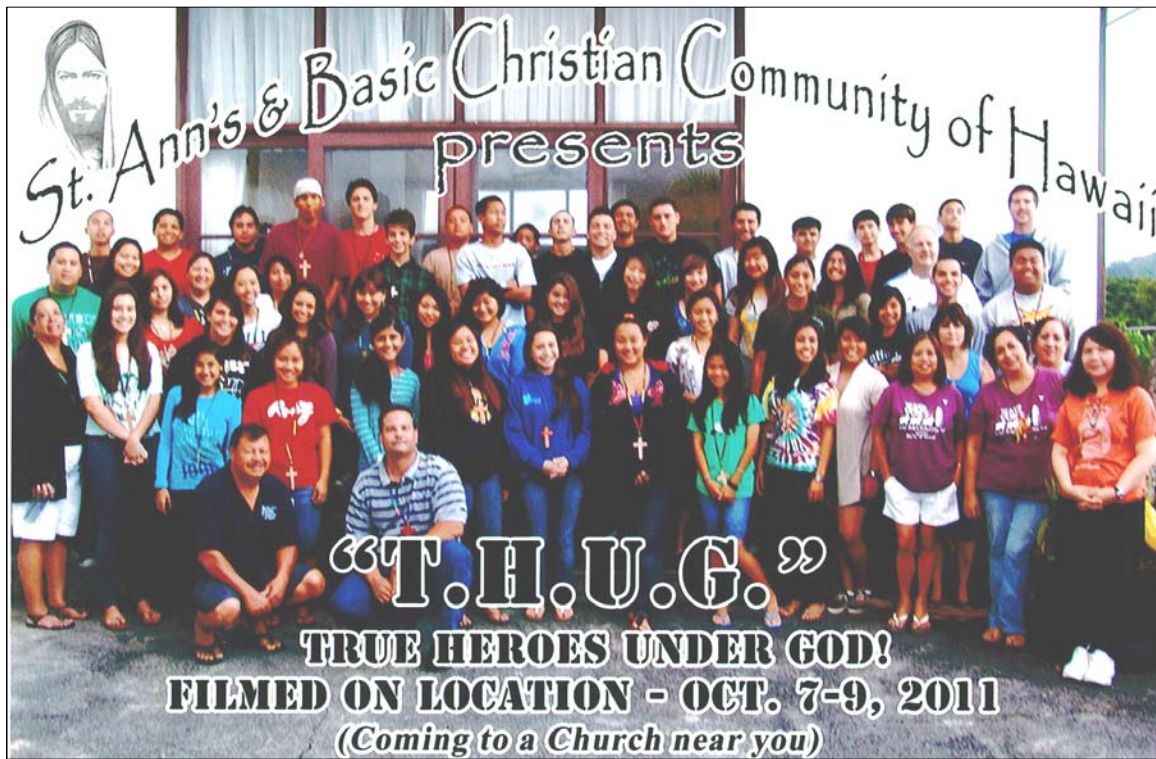
Thank you to the many parents who have already contributed to our fundraiser. To date, we have raised over \$2,550. Your generosity and kokua is such a blessing to our Parish and RE & YM Programs! God Bless!



Spotlight on R.C.I.C. II!

Pictured left is our R.C.I.C. I (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) Class. The students in this classroom are in the 3rd thru 6th grade level and are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism. It is their first time in Religious Education!

Ms. Halemano (center) has been working diligently with the children. Their first big accomplishment...being able to recite the Lord's Prayer at our Rosary Prayer Service by heart! The students shared with their teacher their enthusiasm that morning and felt excited to be able to know the prayer. God Bless our R.C.I.C. I students in their journey of faith and their journey towards Baptism!



St. Ann's & BCC Confirmation Retreat!

By Malu Kamanu, Youth Ministry Coordinator

On Friday, October 7th, the Confirmation I class, along with several adult and youth leaders, embarked on a weekend-long Confirmation Retreat at St. Stephen Diocesan Center. The retreat was lead by the Basic Christian Community (BCC) with the help of our own St. Ann's YM leaders. There they spent time in prayer, reflection, sacraments, and activities that enriched their faith in many ways. The youth had the opportunity to not only learn more about each other, but also their own selves, and ultimately to grow closer to God. The retreat concluded on Sunday with testimonies and Mass with Father Herman. Mahalo to: Uncle Bob, Aunty Carla, Shane, Aunty Kuulei, Chantil, Jennifer, The BCC team, which included Aunty Sheree, Ricky Hernandez, Kirah Wurst, Pono Wong, and Leslie Tsukayama.

We Welcome You!

Religious Education & Youth Ministry's Open House
& Book Fair -Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 10:00am

We invite all parents/guardians to join us for this once-a-year event! Come and join your child/teen for a morning of faith-filled learning, sharing and fun. Parents/guardians may report directly to their student's respective classrooms.

Join us as St. Ann's teens serve our parish at the Youth Ministered Mass at 8:45am. A Book Fair hosted by the Daughter's of St. Paul will be held in St. Ann's Food Court from 7am-1pm for our parishioners and families. We welcome you!

