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RE & YM's Opening of the School Year Retreat was held on August 16th at Paewalani. Father Herman Gomes joined us for a morning of fellowship & prayer as we geared up & prepared for the coming year.

RE & YM Kicks Off The Year!

By Daphne Kauhane, Parish Director of Education

Welcome back faculty, staff, students and parents! All Religious Education and Youth Ministry classes are already in session. Teachers and leaders have been working with their students to build community and lay the expectations for the new year. The theme for this school year is "Go, Make A Difference!" It is our hope that the students in our programs will be able to take what they learn in class about living their lives as Jesus wants us to and to actually apply these lessons to their own life experiences. The goal of our programs this year is to guide and encourage our students to make a difference in their own families, in their interactions with their peers and within their community.

There are a lot of hands, hearts and love that make the RE/YM programs successful. We have many volunteers who share their gifts and talents with the youth of our parish on Sundays. Some come to be teachers and others offer their support to these teachers in the classrooms. Then there are those individuals who help make sure that the teachers' needs are met by running off lessons, keeping track of attendance, greeting and handling and

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Go Make A Difference!..

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inquiries of parents, delivering supplies to rooms, preparing snacks for the pre-kindergarten class, checking in parents at scheduled parent sessions, providing music for liturgies, and tutoring extra classes for students needing special sacramental preparation. The administrative team of Sylvia Makainai, who oversees the Elementary program, Malu Kamanu, the Youth Ministry Coordinator and Renee Fung, our RE/YM Program Assistant, are instrumental in making sure all of the programs run smoothly and that they meet the religion curriculum and guidelines of St. Ann's Parish.

As Jesus commissioned His disciples to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you," (Matt. 28:19) so do the catechists in our Sunday programs. Have a great year everyone!

Making Strides...In Service

All YM teens are invited to sign up for our October 2nd Service Activity. Join us as we participate in the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides" Walk! We will walk from Richardson Field to Ford Bridge and back to help raise funds to help fight breast cancer! Here's the info!

- Date: Saturday, October 2nd
- Time: 7am-12pm. Participants are asked to meet at St. Ann's parking lot by 7:00am for bus pickup. Bus will return to St. Ann's at 12:00pm
- Cost: \$5.00 minimum donation for the ACS

Permission forms were distributed in all YM classes and are due by Sept. 26th. Please visit the RE Office if you would like to join us at this special event.



Youth Leaders Make A Difference!

By Malu Kamanu, Youth Ministry Coordinator

St. Ann's Youth Ministry has much to be proud of. Not only do we boast a thriving educational program, but we also provide service to our community and social opportunities to our youth. We provide a safe place for youth to gather-- to worship, learn, and fellowship with each other. Each year, we train a handful of teens and young adults to help us with this endeavor.

Thank you to our new youth leaders, our returning lead teachers and youth leaders, and to the youth themselves for all they do!



Pictured above are our newly trained Youth Leaders and Training Team engaged in an outdoor activity while at our August 7th & 8th Leadership Training Weekend at St. Anthony's Retreat Center.



Parents are given instructions for a class structure while attending the Confirmation I Orientation this past Sunday presented by Malu Kamanu.

Parent Orientations & Sponsor Meetings!

September 12th kicked off our 1st Parent Session of the year with a Confirmation I Orientation. Led by YM Coordinator, Malu Kamanu, parents were presented with an overview of the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, given a calendar of important dates and future sessions along with information on upcoming Confirmation Retreats. An Orientation for parents with students preparing for Baptism, 1st Reconciliation & Eucharist is being held today in the Church. The next Orientation will be for Sponsors of CII Candidates on October 10th in the Library. Please call the RE office at 247-3092, ext. 225 for any questions on upcoming Sessions.

RE & YM's 2010-2011 Zippy's Benefit Fundraiser Program

We will be distributing Zippy's Benefit Tickets to all participating students on Sunday, October 3, 2010. The tickets are not only good for Chili, but your choice of Portuguese Bean Soup, Meat Sauce for Spaghetti or Frozen Cookie Dough. Tickets will be placed in a collection envelope labeled with the student's name and distributed from the student's respective classroom. Tickets sell for \$7.00 each. All monies are due Sunday, October 31, 2010. Families wishing to sign up to participate may call us at 247-3092, ext. 225 to order their tickets by September 26th. A big MAHALO to all our wonderful RE & YM families for their support and participation in our fundraising efforts this year, your kokua is such a blessing!

September 19th ~ Catechetical Sunday

- 1st Eucharist & RCIC I Parent Orientation, 10am, Church
- Blessing & Comissioning of Catechists at all Masses

September 26th ~ Fellowship Sunday

- Youth Ministered Mass, 8:45am
- Baptism Mass, 5pm

October 1st

- Eucharist Adoration, 7am to 7pm

October 2nd

- YM Service Activity "Making Strides" Walk

October 3rd

- RE/YM Fundraiser Begins (ticket distribution)
- Baptism Prep Session I, 10am, Library

October 10th

- Confirmation II Sponsor Orientation, 10am, Lib.
- Baptism Prep Session II, 10am, Church

October 17th

- RE/YM Rosary Prayer Service, 10:15am, Church
- RE/YM Faculty Meeting, 11:30am, Library

October 23rd

- Parent Work Day, RE & YM/ELC/SCH Parents

October 24th

- Youth Ministered Mass, 8:45am
- Baptism Mass, 11:30am

October 31st ~ Fellowship Sunday, Halloween

- RE/YM Open House
- RE/YM Fundraiser ends - monies due

November 5th

- Eucharist Adoration, 7am to 7pm

November 7th

- 1st Reconciliation Parent Session, 10am, Church
- Baptism Prep Session I, 10am, Library
- Holiday Food Drive Begins

November 14th

- Confirmation Sponsor Session #2, 10am, Library
- Baptism Prep Session II, 10am, Church

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



September Spotlight!

Pictured below are some "spotlight moments" from our RE & YM Program. From our Opening of the Year Faculty Retreat to our First Day of Classes till now, our thriving and growing program is full of life, learning, faith and smiles! Welcome to all our RE & YM Families!

