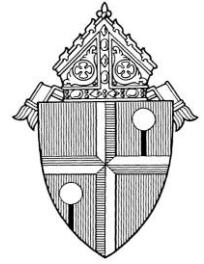


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Dear Star Light, Star Bright Friends,

Finally arriving at his destination, the deacon parked in front of the guest building. Two of his passengers were gently awakened from their nap. As he helped them out of the vehicle, the four young children clung to their grandmother, fearful that she, too, might disappear from their lives...like Mommy. Tutu's care for her precious mo'opuna and her boundless supply of hugs and comforting words reassures them she will not abandon them. Mom is in prison and it is Christmas time, a time for families to be together, creating special moments and memories to cherish.

The Star Light, Star Bright Christmas Program was founded in 2000 with the hope that the simple act of giving would help mend damaged or strained relationships among incarcerated mothers, their children, and the caregivers.

It is heart-wrenching for children to be separated from Mom, especially at Christmas. The Star Light, Star Bright Christmas program reunites children from all islands with their moms, and for Neighbor Island families, provides airfare, lodging and meals for the weekend.

This year's Christmas party will be held on the prison grounds at the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua on **Saturday, December 12**.

The success of Star Light, Star Bright is dependent upon its benefactors' generosity, prayers and compassion for the families, especially the children, who struggle daily with Mom's incarceration. *[By the way, parishioners of a local church sponsored Tutu and her grandchildren's airfare and Christmas gifts, contributing to their priceless reunion with Mom.]*

You can support the Star Light, Star Bright Christmas program! Fill out the enclosed form and mail or e-mail it to our office **by Fri., November 20**.

For more details, call the Prison Ministry Office at 203-6722 or e-mail pvernay@rcchawaii.org.

May the peace and grace of Christ be with you!

Walter

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