



2015/2016 BISHOP'S CIRCLE APPEAL

For the Diocese of Honolulu and the Catholic Church in Hawaii

We are...*Stewards of the Gospel*

November 2015

Peace be with you!

Jesus' mandate to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" inspired many missionaries and religious orders to evangelize the people of Hawaii over the past 188 years. St. Damien, St. Marianne and numerous others shared a faith that called for conversion and shone a new light on human dignity, family life, and education. As a result, today we enjoy a special Catholic legacy that grew from the seeds they planted and nurtured as **Stewards of the Gospel**.

As Bishop, I have been very fortunate in my first ten years to be with so many faithful people of diverse cultures, ages and locations. Whether it's on a hike in the mountains, celebrating sacraments at a Mission church, sharing a bagel with graduating Catholic High School seniors, or meeting with the various diocesan boards and commissions - it's what I love the most because I see that our Church is alive and thriving amongst our many **Stewards of the Gospel**.

Indeed, our diocese and parishes are venues for celebrating our faith and honoring our mission. As you see in the info-graphics on the reverse side, the Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make a significant impact in the communities that we serve. Of course, much of this activity is supported by your generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure as **Stewards of the Gospel**.

For this and all you do, I am most grateful and I ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to this year's Bishop's Circle Appeal in support of our many diocesan ministries - especially the care of our clergy, our youth and those in need both inside and outside our church walls. Donor Societies begin at \$500 and include a special appreciation event and gift recognition in the Hawaii Catholic Herald.

I thank you very much for your support, and I wish you and your loved ones God's blessings throughout the Holiday Season and into the New Year - for together **We are...Stewards of the Gospel**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

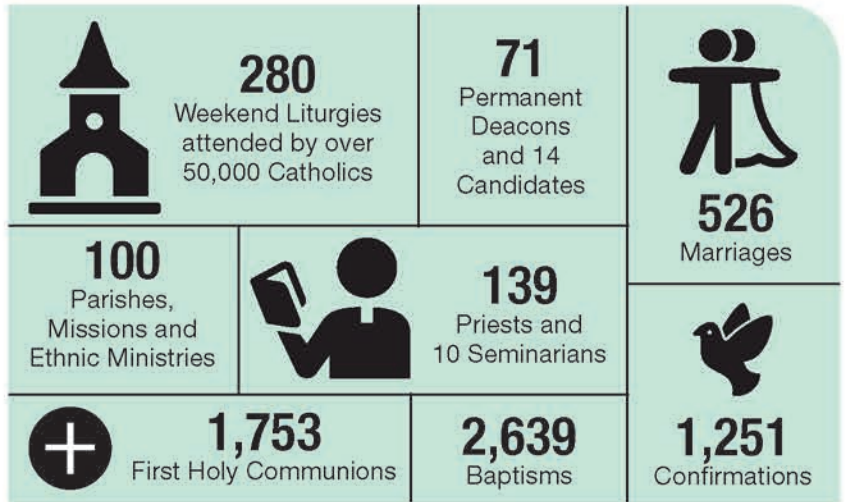


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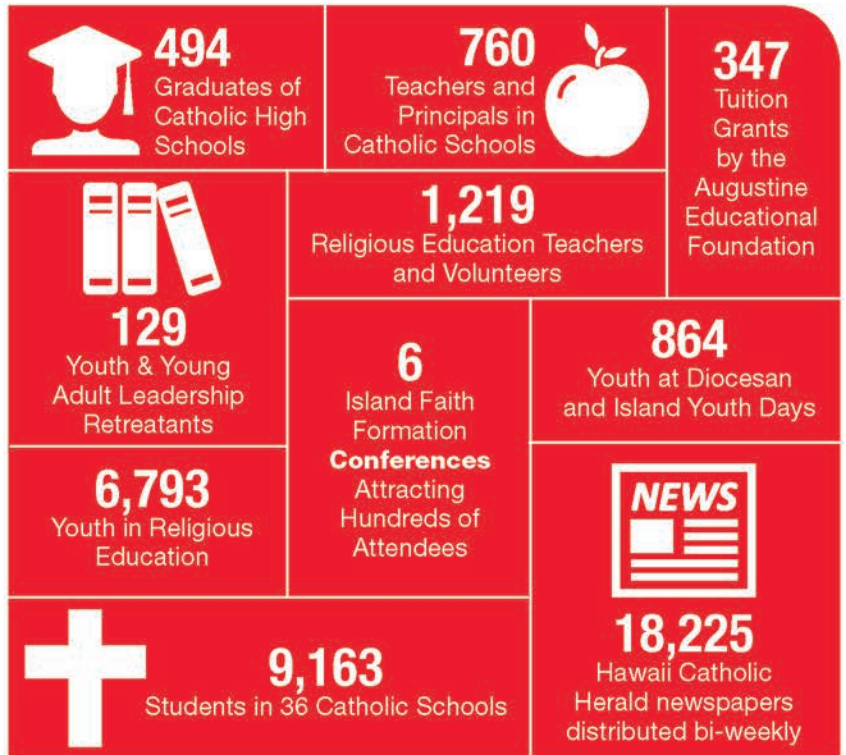
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