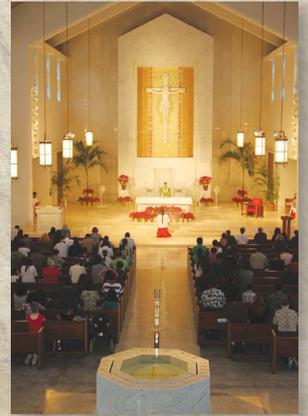


With Grateful Hearts

Me ka Na'au Ho'omaika'i



September 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 2005, when I was blessed with this great diocese, I quickly recognized the challenges we faced and the obligation I felt, as Bishop, to plan for our future. The mission to develop a Road Map began in 2006 with a comprehensive study of the needs of our church in Hawaii, starting with every parish. The result was the 2008 planning document **“Witness to Jesus: Diocesan Road Map 2008-2013.”** It covered everything, from religious education and priest retirement, to the purchasing of land for future churches.

To bring this Road Map to life, I approved an ambitious \$30 million capital and endowment campaign to help meet the short and long-term needs identified in the Road Map. Due to the wonderful efforts of our pastoral leaders and many of you, the campaign generated more than \$52 million in pledges. Currently, the **With Grateful Hearts (WGH)** campaign office has received over \$34 million, most of which has been invested and/or allocated to help fund diocesan-wide ministries, special programs and individual parish projects. Mahalo for your sacrifices and support!

Although pledge redemption will continue for some well into 2015, I want to take this opportunity to report on our progress so far, and to thank you for your generous stewardship of treasure in support of our Catholic mission – both at the parish level and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Larry Silva

Bishop Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

FUND DISTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO YOUR SUPPORT OF THE WGH CAMPAIGN:

PARISH SHARE FUND: \$13 MILLION

- Returned 38 percent of the funds collected to parishes to support their ministries, reduce debt, pay for facility renovation and new construction, and more. Ask your parish about local projects and improvements.

FAITH FORMATION: \$1.6 MILLION

- Developed new religious education programs.
- Expanded the Deacon Formation Program, which now has 27 deacons-in-training.
- Hired an Adult Formation Coordinator to provide parish consultations, workshops, retreats and resources.
- Funded the planning document “Hawaii Catholic Schools System for Success.”
- Helped bring Immaculate Heart Catholic Radio AM 740 to the Islands.



St. Michael the Archangel Church, Kailua-Kona – under construction

PRIESTS VOCATIONS FUND: \$2.4 MILLION

- Created a fund to support a sustainable seminarian training program. Fund now exceeds \$2.8 million due to investment gains.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: \$2 MILLION

- Implemented training programs for parish and diocesan administrators
- Standardized parish and school financial systems.
- Created a new diocesan website with more features to come.
- Funded programs for priest convocations and stewardship resources.
- Sponsored collaborative programs between the Hawaii Catholic Schools office and Chaminade University.

CLERGY RETIREMENT: \$2.4 MILLION

- Invested in the retirement plan for diocesan priests – assisting all who have given our church a lifetime of devotion and service.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: \$1.6 MILLION

- Established new office to coordinate diocesan-wide training.
- Provided funds to support Diocesan Youth Day, Island Youth Days, retreats, and the “Bagels with Bishop” gatherings for all Catholic High School Seniors.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND: \$1.6 MILLION

- Invested in the Augustine Education Foundation fund, resulting in over \$100,000 in scholarships given to qualifying Catholic school students from all Islands. The fund has grown to nearly \$2 million due to investment gains.

SOCIAL SERVICES: \$2 MILLION

- Helped prevent people in crisis from becoming homeless by placing more than 3,600 individuals in affordable housing.
- Provided resources to increase collaboration amongst the diocese’s Catholic Charities Hawaii, HOPE Services Hawaii, and the Office for Social Ministry, resulting in expanded parish food and prison ministries, and shelter for hundreds of Hawaii’s most vulnerable families.

LAND & PARISH ASSET MANAGEMENT: \$2 MILLION

- Funded a comprehensive study of the current management and use of land and properties owned by the Catholic Church in Hawaii – including diocesan, parish and school facilities.
- Follow up funding provided for a strategic plan that addresses future expansion and acquisitions, and upon full execution, increased portfolio yield and decreased holding expenses.

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION: \$1.2 MILLION

- Invested in historical research, forensic analysis and architectural planning to restore the 171 year old “mother church” of the Hawaiian Islands.



WHAT’S NEXT? PARISH OUTREACH FOR INPUT IN DEVELOPING “THE RENEWED ROAD MAP” AND STEWARDSHIP.

For more information about the WGH Campaign and the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, please visit:

www.catholichawaii.org

Mahalo for Your Generous Stewardship of Time, Talent & Treasure!