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Living Catholic in the 808: The Kaona of Aloha

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All Lent, 'ALOHA' kept creeping into my consciousness and I found myself looking for the KAONA, hidden meaning, especially as I reflect on my vows in light of my Franciscan spirituality and charism. These reflections led me to this beautiful, historical discovery:

Hawaii Revised Statutes 5-7.5 says that "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. Aloha brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. These are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawaii's people.

Aloha was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawaii...and later beyond the islands.

"Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

"Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for our collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see that which cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.