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## **Living Catholic in the 808: Parish-Home-School**

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Back in the day, a majority of Catholic children attended the neighborhood Catholic school run by their local parish. That was the desired ideal in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. But that model is no longer the reality for Catholics in the U.S. In the islands, our keiki may go to a nearby public or Catholic school. However, they may just as easily have a 40 minute commute to attend school.

Today, our “home” parish may not be closest to where we live. But the truth is we still need a home parish. The parish is THE community of the faithful. It is the parish that ties us to the community around us AND also to the larger, universal Church. Our parish is where we are - day in and day out, week by week - over the course of our lives nourished by the Eucharist. It is our parish that sends us out to live and change the world into God’s Kingdom.

Our Catholic schools, our Catholic hospitals and nursing homes, our Catholic food pantries – these are all apostolic ministries of our faith. And important ministries at that! But they are not the center of our faith. The parish is.

Thanksgiving is a time for home, for ohana. Might now also be a good time to (re)connect more deeply with your home parish?

NOTE: If you have children in one of our Catholic schools preparing to receive sacraments this year, the parish needs to hear from you by Jan. 15 to make sure all goes well this spring!