

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**REV. HERMAN GOMES, SS.CC.** is the keynote speaker. He was born in Honolulu, a graduate of Damien Memorial High School and Chaminade College. He entered Sacred Hearts Seminary in September 1967 and professed to the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in June 1975. He earned a Masters of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois in 1978 and was ordained a priest on November 24 the same year. In 1986, he received a Masters in Applied Spirituality from the University of San Francisco. 1978-80, he served as associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Waipahu; 1980-88, Director pre-Novitiate Program, SS.CC.; 1985-95, Faculty at Damien High School; 1995-97, pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Makawao; 1997-2003, faculty at Chaminade University; 2003-05, associate pastor at St. Ann Parish, Kaneohe; 2006-17, pastor at St. Ann, Kaneohe. On November 16, 2017, Fr. Herman was elected to a 3-year term as provincial superior of the U.S. Province of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



**HO'ŌLA NĀ PUA**

is a non-profit organization, headquartered on Oahu with a regional coordinator network that reaches to the US Mainland, committed to meeting the unique needs of underage female sex trafficked victims through the utilization of individualized, comprehensive, and restorative therapies. Services include health, education, advocacy, and reintegration, as well as mentoring and family support. Volunteers work tirelessly, networking and collaborating with political figures, the justice system, social services, faith-based communities, state licensing institutions, foundations, health care professionals, and other community members in Hawaii who share their mission to improve the lives of underage victims. They are an active member of the Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking Task Force and is currently the only organization working to build a long-term licensed residential facility in Hawai'i.



**JOY YADAO** is Kuakini Medical Center's Infection Prevention Specialist. She is a key resource for matters of infection control and prevention, as well as infectious diseases. Yadao will develop new policies and training classes, as well as coordinate with the Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



**MARC ALEXANDER** was born in Sagami, Japan, and raised in Hawaii. Appointed by Mayor Caldwell in 2017, he is the Executive Director of the Office of Housing for the City and County of Honolulu. Prior to this appointment, he served at the Hawaii Community Foundation, the Institute for Human Services, the first Hawaii State Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, and in administrative and pastoral positions in the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, and has published and spoken in the fields of public policy, bioethics, and theology.



**DR. DANIEL SMITH-CHRISTOPHER** is professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University and is the author of several books, including *Jonah, Jesus, and Other Good Coyotes: Speaking Peace to Power in the Bible*, *A Biblical Theology of Exile (Overtures to Biblical Theology)* and *Introduction to the Old Testament: Our Invitation to Faith and Justice*, a text for secondary school courses in Old Testament. Dr. Smith-Christopher is also the author of “The Books of Ezra-Nehemiah” in *The Oxford Bible Commentary*, and “Daniel” in the *New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary*. He is the editor of and a contributor to the text, *Subverting Hatred: The Challenge of Religious Nonviolence*. Dr. Smith-Christopher has taught and spoken on topics in scripture, particularly of the Exilic and Persian periods, and on issues of peace, justice and non-violence, and recently began teaching on the role of Scripture in African-American Gospel and Blues musical and lyrical traditions. He has also consulted on many television and multimedia projects in these areas.



**DR. DARRYL SALVADOR** is a Staff Psychologist/Integrated Behavioral Health Consultant at the U.S. Army Health Clinic – Schofield Barracks Family Medicine Clinic. Prior to this, he served as the Behavioral Health Director for the Molokai Community Health Center. Dr. Salvador graduated from Argosy University/Honolulu in 2004 with a doctorate in clinical psychology. He went on to complete a postdoctoral fellowship with Tripler Army Medical Center in clinical psychology with an emphasis in health psychology and the provision of behavioral medicine services to rural, medically underserved areas across the state. Dr. Salvador is a past president of the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA) and is currently the co-chair for the HPA Public Education Committee. He received an American Psychological Association Presidential Citation in 2015. Dr. Salvador is a parishioner at Resurrection of the Lord and an active member of his parish, serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, Stewardship/Evangelization Ministry Team, Stephen Ministry, Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.



**DR. DALLAS CARTER** is a husband, father of four, small business owner, Catholic Apologist, National Catholic Speaker, and a Diocesan Catechist for the Diocese of Honolulu. He has a B.A. in Theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville and his M.A. in Pastoral Theology from Chaminade University.



**SISTER CELESTE “CC” CABRAL** is a Benedictine Sister who lives at Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit Monastery in Waialua. One of the few ‘local girls’ who has dedicated her life to Christ, she entered religious life in the year 2000 and took her final vows in 2007. Sr. CC grew up in Kailua, Oahu and is a 1979 graduate of Kalaheo High School. She attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she played on the Rainbow Wahine Basketball team and volleyball team. She is a former Continental Airlines flight attendant. Sr. CC is a certified Spiritual Director and member of the Leadership Association of Religious Congregations Vocations Committee. She is also the Spiritual Advisor to the Catholic homeschool ministry, where she leads retreats. She directs parish missions and has been keynote speaker at many diocesan-sponsored youth and young adult events.