



St. Ann Church and School

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Aloha,

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In 1841 an Ali'i (chief), named Paki, gave five acres of land to a Sacred Hearts priest in gratitude for providing much-needed kerosene for his lamps. Needing a place of worship, Fr. Martial Jan ss.cc. and his parishioners formed a human chain to carry coral from the Mokapu basin to the current site of St. Ann's to build the church. Thirty years later, in 1871, his successor, Fr. Mathias Limburg, ss.cc. opened a boarding school for eight boys, and thus began the story of St. Ann School. For the past 149 years, the mission of St. Ann School and Early Learning Center in Kāne`ohe has been to educate children from age 2 through 8th Grade to make a difference. Both the Early Learning Center and School are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association.

This past August, 123 students returned to in-person instruction after months of online learning. We are grateful to our dedicated faculty, who have worked tirelessly to make the classrooms safe while continuing to deliver a quality Catholic education. We are grateful to the St. Ann's families who continue to send their children and grandchildren to school knowing that the main focus is to nurture the academic, spiritual, emotional, and social well-being of their children as we strive to provide a sense of normalcy. Lastly, we are grateful for the parishioners, friends, alumni, and Kāne`ohe community, who have supported the school and our special events throughout the years. This year our events are adapting to Hawai'i's pandemic guidelines, so you may see a different format or altogether different types of fundraisers.

While our primary focus is to provide a Christ-centered education in a nurturing and safe environment, the school and ELC have been challenged by declining enrollment. Schools like ours have been closing even before the pandemic, and our goal is to raise **\$500,000** to keep the school operational. Tuition fees only cover a small portion of the school's operating costs and the Annual Operating Fund allows the school to nourish priority areas that tuition fees cannot cover. Current needs include health and safety measures to protect teachers and students from the spread of COVID and professional development opportunities to keep faculty up to date on distance learning strategies and best practices. If you are able, please consider donating today. **Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference.**

There is no doubt that this pandemic has reshaped our learning environment, but what remains constant is God's love and faithfulness. Know that you are in our prayers and that we are abundantly grateful for everything you do. Happy Thanksgiving!

A`ole Nou Wale No (Not for ourselves alone),

Fr. Richard McNally, ss.cc.
Pastor

Mrs. Wendy Thronas Brown
St. Ann School, Principal

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About Our School

13:1

Average student to teacher ratio

87 Students

Enrolled in School (Kindergarten-Grade 8)

* School capacity is 320 students

36 Students

Enrolled in Early Learning Center (Ages 2, 3 and 4)

* ELC capacity is 168 students

42 Students

Received financial aid in 2020-21

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT ST. ANN SCHOOL!

Please help to keep the school and Early Learning Center operational.

Enclosed is my check made payable to **St. Ann School**. All donations are tax-deductible.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Email: _____

Gift Amount:

\$50

\$75

\$100

Other \$ _____

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