

"A Heart-felt Thank You"

We have been talking about our participation in the sessions with the National Retirement for Religious Organization (NRRO). In terms of our funds for the retirement of our elderly, we are extremely underfunded. We have to look for new and creative ways to build a financial base for our work as a Province to continue. As part of those efforts, the NRRO is able to fund us in the search for a new direction in Development.

And so, it is on a sad note that we say goodbye to Margaret Uiagalelei as she ends her employment with us. She has been at the post of Development Director for more than 5 years and has worked hard and conscientiously for the Congregation. As is her generous nature, Margaret (and Soane) have pledged their continued support for the Sacred Hearts in whatever capacity is needed. God has certainly blessed us with good and faithful people in his vineyard! A heart-felt thank you to Margaret and wish her every blessing as she turns a new chapter in her life!



"In Thanksgiving for the Past..."

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 28, 2019, we celebrated the closure of our Sacred Hearts Retreat House in Wareham, Massachusetts. "Celebrating" closure may seem a strange juxtaposition of words, but a celebration it was— even if bittersweet. The community who gathered for the Eucharist was a mix of Wareham neighbors, parishioners from our SSCC parishes, people who have made and given retreats over the years and, of course, our SSCC brothers and sisters.

There is so much to be thankful for, the many lives touched by the love of Jesus' heart over the 76 years, during which Wareham has been both a house of formation and a retreat center.

There were so many people to be thanked, not least, those who came to Wareham at important or rather ordinary moments on their spiritual journeys, the neighbors and friends who have supported the ministry there for so many years and all the SSCC who have served there.

Special thanks goes to our Sister, Claire Bouchard, who has served there for twelve years and who, since Stan Kolasa's death, has been the director. More than a director, Claire has been the heart and soul of Wareham these last years. Her ministry has been a perfect example of sister-brother collaboration.

On June 29 we celebrated in thanksgiving for the past... and we asked the Lord where He will lead us next.



"Fund our Future Sacred Hearts Priests"

This year's Fund our Future was a pretty nearly perfect event!

In December 2018, Margaret Uiagalelei assembled a team to plan the event. The Co-chairs were Mandy and Ryan Brown. Margaret also asked for representatives from each of our parishes to be part of the team. From Our Lady of Sorrows-Michelle and Robert Pagliai; St. Ann - Ryan and Mandy Brown and Dona Clamucha; St. Augustine - Bob Allen; St. Michael - Fr. Joseph Pasala; St. Patrick-David and Rose Tom. All of these folks are credited with the hard work of selling tables and individual tickets for the luncheon. This vigilance continued from the "kick-off" in January all the way up to the day of the event. As added support, all of the Pastors from the seven parishes we staff in Hawaii, including the two parishes on Molokai, were named "Honorary Chairpersons".

On Saturday, June 29, 2019, 575 people gathered at the Koolau Ballroom and Conference Center in Kaneohe. There was an overwhelming sense that these good people were our SSCC "extended family". The Master of Ceremonies was a local TV personality who kept the audience entertained and amused. The brief program included our brothers from Fiji, John Sawchenko and Darius Amansec, who shared their vocation stories and showed slides of our House of Formation in Fiji. Following their presentation, Fr. Herman Gomes, Provincial Superior, offered words of gratitude for the support of the

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people and asked for pledges for the on-going support for our young students. There was also a silent auction and upbeat, lively entertainment by a group called "Touch of Gold". For the education and formation of our students the event brought in more than \$50,000 in addition to the pledges made by a number of people for on-going support.

We thank God for all the financial, spiritual and moral support we receive so that we can continue to reflect and help others to reveal the love of God that we see in the Hearts of Jesus and his Mother!

