



## Reflections from the Pastor

I am returning from a visit with my family, and a train trip across Canada. As expected, spending time with my nieces two little ones was especially wonderful. Seeing little Ellis leap in the air with joy when he ripped open the train set I gave him was really special. There is something about a little boy and trains.

Big boys still love their trains. I spent a few days in the intense cold of a Quebec winter. I boarded a train and headed across the country. In Toronto I had lunch with a couple I hadn't seen in 40 years.

It seemed that Ontario would never end, it is immense! As we approached Manitoba the train froze and came to a halt. We spent seven hours, at minus 40, in the middle of nowhere. In the middle of the night two young workers got off the train to check a broken wheel. The frigid wind was howling. I was so relieved when they were pulled back on the train. We were losing power.

We limped into Winnipeg, I got off, thawed out at a hotel, then flew to Vancouver, my final destination. At the same time our students were having a retreat, and got a message that a nuclear attack was imminent. They cried and prayed and supported each other.

Incidents like this remind us that life is a precious gift, that we often take for granted. We must grow closer to God and each other.

Many Blessings, Fr. Jack

### Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Housing Assistance, and Affordable Housing

Know someone who is need of shelter? Refer them to: [Catholic Charities Hawaii](http://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org) at 808-521-4357 or [www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org](http://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org)

Some of their programs are Ma'ili Land Transitional Housing Program (Oahu), Housing Assistance Program, and Supportive Services for Veteran Families,

In addition they supply programs for Youth & Family Support, Adoptions Services, and Family Counseling.

### Prayer for Building Good Traits

Help me grow;  
teach me to strive for a soul that is pure and flawless.  
Let my every characteristic be impervious to evil.

Surely then I can hope that I—in my very human-  
ness— might merge with the holiness of Your  
Existence.

(from *The Gentle Weapon*)

### Newman Center on Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii](https://www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii)  
Twitter & Instagram: [@newmanhawaii](https://twitter.com/newmanhawaii)

### Prayer Sites

Looking for a website for daily reflections?  
<http://prayasyougo.org>, <http://sacredspace.ie>

Daily Scripture and Reflections:  
<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org>

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:  
[http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest\\_essay/](http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest_essay/)

### Contemplative Prayer

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

### Religious Education Classes

Sundays, immediately following the 9 am Mass except for the Kindergarten/First Grade, which will meet on the same Sundays, but during the Readings at the 9 am Mass. **Classes are: 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6**

### Rite of Christian Initiation

The RCIA team meets with adults desiring to become Catholic Sundays after the 11 am Mass to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The sacraments are celebrated at Easter Vigil.

For more information about the program and its schedule, please contact RCIA co-ordinator, Rosemary Casey at [rcasey6971@gmail.com](mailto:rcasey6971@gmail.com)

**Living Catholic in the 808**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Don't Costco Your Faith**

**By Mr. Justin Agustin**

**Master Catechist, St. Joseph, Waipahu**

Costco is one of my favorite stores. If you need a TV, they have it – If you need paper goods, they have it – if you need food for a party, they have it! And what puts them over the edge beyond their competitors? Everything is in BULK!

Buying in bulk and storing it at home may work for Costco, but that idea won't work for us Christians because our faith was meant to be shared.

One awesome tool we can use to share our faith is social media! Pope Francis said that "the internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity" and suggests the internet is a "good gift from God." You can check-in at a parish with Facebook and ask if anyone needs prayers, you can put up your favorite scripture verses on your Twitter account, or share a Saint-quote on Instagram and even pray for all your family and friends on your Snapchat App. The possibilities are endless and it goes a long way in spreading our faith to the world.

So, the next time you're waiting in that long check-out line with your wagon at your favorite warehouse chain, don't "Costco" your faith! Take out your phone, connect with your brothers and sisters and share it!

**Come See About Us**

Our Campus Minister, Joseph Oh, compiled a video yearbook of our parish's liturgies, events, and activities. The link is live now on Newman's website: [www.NewmanHawaii.org](http://www.NewmanHawaii.org), This video is a reminder to our community of the many celebrations, retreats, social ministry, and prayer that is offered at Newman.

Our year round community has been very important in funding and helping to organize these events. In order to put on such events, we need the resources necessary to do so. **Envelopes for our Newman Center Bulding Fund Appeal** can be found on the credenza. Donations may be made at all Masses by cash, credit card, or on ling. All of your donations will help us fight our deficit and us to repair our building, and support our programs. Mahalo.

**Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention**

**Christians in Asia**

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**Real Presence in Eucharistic Species**

Catholic theology teaches that Christ is "truly, really, and substantially contained" in Holy Communion.

The body and blood of Christ is present in under the forms of both bread and wine. Therefore, by either taking either species (or both), communicants are receiving the fullness of Christ present in the Eucharist.

**Celebrate Newman Center's 35th Anniversary**

As we continue to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the dedication of the Newman Center Chapel, we are collecting people's thoughts about the role of Newman in their lives.

Please go to the 35th anniversary site and share your answers to the questions posed there. Encourage others to share! Thank you for your participation.

**35<sup>th</sup> anniversary surveys via online:**

<http://www.newmanhawaii.org/about-us/35th-anni-dedication>

**Save the date for the 2018 Busy Person's Retreat**

**Dates: March 17-21**

*Are you feeling a desire for a deeper relationship with God?* You may be ready for a Busy Person's Retreat. You don't have to fly anywhere or stay in a retreat house. Just make a commitment to meet with a director each day and follow the guidelines for prayer during this time. Six directors will join us for these 5 days to listen and reflect with you about your relationship with God, your prayer life, what is working in your life, where you may be struggling.

If you have made this retreat before, tell a friend about it and encourage him or her to make the retreat. More information will be published in January. This retreat is self-sustaining through registration fees and donations. Would you consider making a donation to support this opportunity for members of our Newman community? Checks can be made payable to Newman Center and marked for Busy Persons Retreat.

Retreat Brochures are on the credenza.

## Let Go, Let God

On Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at a little after 8:00 am, most of us woke up to an alert that could have very well been the last message that they would have ever seen. An alert that could have been the last message before utter destruction and chaos, and one that could have changed the course of history and the face of the world. After 38 long, cold, suspenseful minutes, families in bathrooms with their birth certificates, children in underground manholes, people on the floor of their homes and the rest of Hawaii's residents were told that it was a false alarm.

The entire state of Hawaii let out a massive sigh of relief, but was left with mixed emotions; feelings of confusion and fear, thoughts of bitterness toward our government and particularly, toward our state civil defense system and employees. When we first heard the blaring alert and read the message, many of us immediately thought of our family, our assets, and our plans for the future. Some of us accepted the message and our imminent death peacefully, while others frantically sought for answers on what to do.

Our intuition as human beings naturally force us to always want knowledge, control, and direction. Whether it is knowledge on what is to come, control over our situations, projects, even relationships, or direction in where we should head next. We naturally dislike being left in the dark and mysterious realms of ambiguity, but that is exactly what our faith calls us to do at times, especially in times like the early morning moments of last week Saturday. There probably have been and will continue to be many ambiguous times when we are called to lean not on our own understanding and will, but to have trust and faith in God and His plans.

God's most precious gift to us, his beloved children, was free will. What is life without the ability to choose to do good and avoid evil? Or God's love for us if we are forced to love Him back without a choice? With this most precious gift from God, many of us begin to develop a habit of thinking that we can be entirely in control of certain aspects of our lives. It is obvious that we cannot control matters such as death, love, or sometimes even our own vacation time as much as we would love to. And so, we begin to try and take control of our majors in school, our careers as professionals, and the relationships and projects in our lives.

We go on to tell God in our evening prayers, thank You for all You have done, I apologize for all that I did, and here are the things that I want to do. In those prayers whether it be in the evening or in the day, how often do we stop and ask God what He thinks of our plans? Our dreams and hopes for the future? Of what He would want? It is in the moment when we totally give up our own free will to God, that we are truly set free.

In the coming weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday (February 14), let us remember the courage of St. Marianne Cope as her 180<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary and obligatory memorial is quickly approaching on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Let us ask for her intercessions in helping us discern God's will and that we may be just as brave as she was in imitating the Blessed Virgin Mary, when she said before the messenger Angel Gabriel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (LK 1:38).

Whether it is an intercontinental ballistic missile and our imminent death, loss of a loved one, or decision to change majors or careers, let us remember to let go, and let God.

Joseph Oh, *Campus Minister*

### Upcoming Campus Ministry Events

**1/25, 7:00 pm** - Ecumenical Taize Prayer Service  
**1/27, 8:00 am** - Annual Parish Fun Run  
**1/31, 10:00 am** - Student Involvement Fair at CC  
**2/1, 10:00 am** - Student Involvement Fair at CC  
**2/9 - 2/11** - Student Community Building Retreat  
**2/14, 12:10, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 pm** - Ash Wed. Mass

### Regular Campus Ministry Events

**Monday thru Friday, 12:10 pm** - Daily Mass

**Sundays, 5:00 pm** - Student Mass & Dinner

**Wednesdays, 9:00 pm** - Student Mass & Pizza

\*Confession appointments with Fr. Jack Ryan made in person or via email at [pastor@newmanhawaii.org](mailto:pastor@newmanhawaii.org)

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